

### STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

MADE ON THE

# DOMINION GOVERNMENT,

CONSEQUENT UPON THE

INSURRECTION IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

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### RETURN

To an Address of the House of Commons, dated 20th February, 1871; For a Statement of all Claims made upon the Dominion Government, consequent on the Insurrection in the North-West Territories, and payments made, if any, with Copies of all Orders in Council, Official Reports or other Documents relating to such claims for damages; also, a Statement of claims made by the so-called delegates, Messrs. Scott, Richot and Black, for expenses or compensation, and the amounts paid; and also, a Statement of all other personal claims made and amounts paid, with copies of Orders in Council, and other Documents relating to such claims.

By Command.

J. C. AIKINS,

Secretary of State.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OTTAWA, 14th March, 1871.

AUDIT OFFICE,

OTTAWA, March 14th, 1871.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government, consequent upon the Insurrection in the North-West Territories, and of all payments made thereon, up to the 13th day of March, 1871. Also, a statement of the amount paid to the delegates, Messrs. Black, Richot and Scott.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servant, J. Langton,

Auditor.

E. Parent, Esq.

STATEMENT of the amount paid to the Delegates, Messrs. Scott, Richot and Black.

Cash .....\$3,784 00

JOHN LANGTON,
Per J. SIMPSON,
Auditor.

AUDIT OFFICE,

-OTTAWA, March 13th, 1871.

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Per J. Simpson,

(No. 610.)

OTTAWA, 14th March, 1871.

SIR,—With reference to the Address of the House of Commons of the 20th ultimo, a copy of which was communicated by you to this Department on the 21st ultimo, asking for a Statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government, consequent upon the disturbances in the North-West Territories, and other information connected therewith; I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, copies of all the documents on the subject of record in this Department.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

> E. A. MEREDITH, Under Secretary of State for the Provinces,

E. Parent, Esq, Under Secretary of State.

# DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 6th December, 1869.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the Minute of the Treasury Board of the 25th ultimo, in reference to the financial matters of the North-West Territories, the undersigned has the honor to recommend, that out of the Parliamentary grant of last session for the opening out and government of the North-West Territories, a sub-appropriation of \$30,000 be made to meet the expenses already incurred in connection with the Government of the Territories (and not covered by Orders in Council), as well as other expenses of a similar nature, likely to be incurred within the next few months.

The undersigned is advised by the Department of the Minister of Finance, that warrants have already been issued on account of the Government of the Territories, as follows:—

Oct. 1.—E. A. Meredith, to pay travelling expenses of public officers	si .	
proceeding to North-West	\$1,000	00
" 28.—Receiver General, to pay Mr. McDougall's Draft	3,875	(0)
Dec. 3.—Morland Watson & Co., Peabody cartridge	. 280	00
" "—Jos. Wilson, to pay L.C. Trampe, Assisting Emigrants		
" "—Jacques & Hay, Furniture for Lieutenant Governor		01
" "—G. E. Desbarats, Canada Gazette	. 3	80
", "—Geo. Cox, Engraving Seal	. 30	00
", "—J. Durie & Son, Books	. 10	50
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•	\$8 490	31.

Of this sum \$4,615.31 only has been covered by Order in Council (see Orders in Council 1st October and 30th November), leaving a sum of \$3,875 expended without any Order in Council authorizing the same.

In addition to this sum two Warrants of \$1,000 each, have this day been applied for by the undersigned in favor of the Very Reverend Vicar General Thibault, and Colonel Charles de Salaberry, who are about to proceed to the North-West on special service.

The undersigned would recommend that the aggregate of these Warrants not covered by Order in Council, namely, \$5,875, be charged against the sub-appropriation now recommended, the balance thereof \$24,125 to be available for future purposes.

The undersigned would further recommend that the Hon. Wm. McDougall be authorized to draw on the Agents of the Bank of Montreal in New York, to the extent of \$10,000, such amount to be charged against the sub-appropriation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed;)

JOSEPH HOWE.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 8th December, 1869.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, the Committee advise that out of the Parliamentary grant of last session for the opening up and Government of the North-West Territories, a sum of \$30,000 be sub-appropriated to meet expenses already incurred (and not covered by Orders in Council), as well as other expenses of a similar nature likely to be incurred within the next few months.

That to this sub-appropriation be charged the sum of \$3,875—the amount of Mr. McDougall's draft on the Receiver General, of 28th October, 1869, not covered by Order in Council—together with a sum of \$2,000, being the amount of two warrants of \$1,000 each in favor of the Rev. Mr. Thibault and Col. de Salaberry, who proceed to the North-West on special service—in all \$5,875—leaving the balance of the sub-appropriation \$24,125 available for future purposes.

They further advise, as recommended in the Memorandum of the Secretary of State, that Mr. McDougall be authorized to draw on the agents of the Bank of Montreal in New York, to the extent of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such amount to be charged against

the proposed sub-appropriation.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk of Privy Council.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c.

(1,637.)

#### Office of Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 16th December, 1869.

SIR,—Adverting to my letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to authorize you to draw on the Agents of the Bank of Montreal at New York, in such amounts as may be necessary, to the extent of ten thousand dollars (\$10,600).

When drawing on New York you will have the goodness to notify me of the fact,

stating the amount for which you have drawn.

I enclose a printed copy of certain Rules of the Treasury Board, and have to request that you will be good enough to mail to me, before the 20th of each month, an estimate of the expenditure for each of the next three months, connected with the Government of the North-West Territories, exclusive of the amount required for surveys, roads and other matters under the control of the Department of Public Works; in order that I may be able to supply the Board with the statement required by the latter portion of the fifth Rule.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOSEPH Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable

Wm. McDougall, C.B., &c., &c.

O. S. S. P., 28th December, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that a Warrant may issue in my favor for the sum of \$186 35, to enable me to pay Captain James Ermatinger for certain services rendered by him, and travelling expenses incurred by him in connection with the North-West Territories.

The above amount to be charged against the sub-appropriation for the Government of the North-West Territories, under the Order in Council of the 8th instant.

> I have, &c.. (Signed.)

E. A. MEREDITH.

The Auditor General.

O. S. S. P., 31st December, 1869.

SIR,-Enclosed you will find a cheque on the Bank of Montreal, payable to your order, for the sum of \$186 35, being the amount of your pay (while acting under orders in connection with the Red River trouble), \$150 from the 2nd to 31st December (inclusive), 30 days at \$5 per day, together with the amount of your account, \$36 35 sent with your letter of the 24th instant, for expenses while at Ottawa, and from Ottawa to Simcoe.

> I am, &c., (Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH.

Captain James Ermatinger, Simcoe.

In accordance with Mr. Howe's suggestion, the account below, for one month's pay, has been made out for the same pay I have been receiving as valuator on the Intercolonial Railway, beginning from 2nd December, 1869.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES.

To James Ermatinger.

To 30 days' pay @ \$5 per diem, from 2nd December to 31st, both days inclusive, \$150 00.

The expenses incurred for my trip to this place are to be added to the above as soon as I can ascertain the exact amount. An account for the same shall be sent from Simcoe.

Approved.

Joseph Howe.

4th December, 1869.

O. S. S. P., 15th February, 1870.

Sir,—As Captain Ermatinger's services are not likely to be required, at least for some months, in connection with the North-West Territories, the Secretary of State is desirous

of coming to an equitable settlement of accounts with him as soon as possible.

Under these circumstances I am directed to request you to inform me whether it is proposed to employ Captain Ermatinger again upon the Intercolonial Railway as valuator, and if so, from what date; if not, you will please date the time up to which Captain Ermatinger would probably have been employed by the Commissioners had he remained at Rimouski

Mr. Howe was given to understand that Captain Ermatinger, even if he had not been summoned from Rimouski by the Government, would have been obliged to proceed to Simcoe, about the time he came to Ottawa, in order to attend to his official duties at that place. Can you inform me if such is the fact?

> 1 am, &c., (Signed,)

A. Walsh, Esq.,

Chairman of L. R. Co.

E. A. MEREDITH.

#### INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, 16th February, 1870.

Str.—I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., stating that as Captain Ermatinger's services are not likely to be required at least for some months in connection with the North-West, the Secretary of State is desirous of coming to an equitable settlement with him; asking, whether it is intended to employ Captain Ermatinger further upon the Intercolonial; and also, whether, had he not been summoned to Ottawa, Captain Ermatinger would have been obliged to proceed to Simcoe about that time to attend to his official duties. In reply to your enquiries I beg to inform you, that Captain Ermatinger was written to on the 14th inst., that he is at liberty to return and complete the work upon which he was engaged upon the Intercolonial. From information received from the Paymaster it is probable that this work will be completed by about the 15th of next month. I have also to inform you that at the time Captain Ermatinger was summoned to Ottawa, he was about leaving for Simcoe to attend the sittings of the County Council of the County of Norfolk, of which he is clerk.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

A. Walsh.

E: A. Meredith, Esq.,

Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

#### O. S. S. P., 11th March, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will pay to the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, by a cheque in favor of Captain James Ermatinger, the sum of \$155, for certain services rendered by that gentleman in connection with the North-West Territories.

The above amount to be charged against the sub-appropriation for the Government of the North-West Territories, under the Order in Council of the 8th December last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH.

The Auditor General.

#### O. S. S. P., 17th March, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a cheque for the sum of \$155, being the amount which you agreed in your letter of the 5th instant, to accept as payment in full for your services in connection with the recent difficulties in the North-West Territories.

I have, &c., (Signed.)

E. A. Meredith.

James Ermatinger, Esq., Simcoe, County of Norfolk, Ontario.

#### Office of Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 16th, February, 1870.

Sir,—Mr. Walsh, the Chairman of the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, has notified me that on the 14th instant, he wrote to you, informing you that you were at liberty to return to Rimouski, to complete the work in connection with the Railway on which you were engaged when summoned to Ottawa last December, in reference to the difficulties of the North-West Territories.

As there does not at present appear to be any probability of your services being required by the Government in the Territories, I am to intimate to you that, so far as the Government is concerned, you may consider yourself perfectly free to accept the offer of the Chairman of the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Walsh also states in his letter that at the time when you were summoned to Ottawa, you were about leaving Rimouski, to attend the sittings of the County Council

of the County of Norfolk, of which you are Clerk.

Your services, connected with the North-West, being no longer required, the Government is desirous of compensating you for your temporary detention at Simcoe; and it is proposed to do so, by paying you at the rate of \$5.a day during the whole of the month of January, in addition to the amount already received for the month of December.

As the Government did not, in fact, avail itself in any way of your services, and as your travelling expenses from here to Simcoe (which would otherwise have been paid by yourself), were defrayed by the Government, you will, it is hoped, feel satisfied with this

settlement of your claim.

Upon your intimating to me that you consider the proposal satisfactory, as a final settlement of your claim, a Warrant for the sum of \$155 will be ordered to be issued in your favor.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) Joseph Howe,
Secretary of State for the Provinces.

SIMCOE, 5th March, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours, of the 16th February last, in which you state, Mr. Walsh to have informed you that I was at liberty to return to Rimouski, &c., to finish the work for which I was originally appointed. The offer was made and respectfully declined on the grounds contained in the accompanying copy of a letter to the Secretary. I will accept the offer contained in yours of 16th February, i.e., \$5 per diem for the whole month of January, at the same time stating, that it is a matter of regret to me that I was not re-instated as soon as it was ascertained that my services were not required for the North-West.

I have, &c.,

..(Signed,)

JAMES ERMATINGER.

The Honorable Joseph Howe.

(Copy.)

SIMCOE, 5th March, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 14th February last, which came to hand on the 18th, and in reply, beg to state that in consequence of Mr. Stevenson's telegram, showing that scarcely a fortnight's work would remain to complete the work for which I was originally appointed, I cannot avail myself of the offer made by the Commissioners to re-instate me in my former position of valuator.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

JAMES ERMATINGER.

C. S. Ross, Esq.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 8th January, 1870.

The undersigned is desired by the Minister of Justice to request the Under Secretary of State for the Provinces to direct payment, out of the Red River Fund, to the Montreal Telegraph Company, of the sum of three hundred and nine dollars and fifteen cents, being

amount charged against Department of Justice, for Telegrams in relation to the North-West Territories, on business of the same, for quarter ended 31st December, 1869.

(Signed,)

H. Bernard, D. M. J.

Approved.

(Signed,)

Joseph Howe.

OTTAWA, 31st December, 1869.

The Secretary of State for the Provinces

To the Montreal Telegraph Company.

Dr.

To three months' Cable Telegrams relative to North-West Territory \$309 15 Received payment.

•(No. 9.)

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, 10th January, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to request that a Warrant may be issued in my name for No. 13. three hundred and nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$309 15) to enable me to pay the Montreal Telegraph Company that sum (by cheque in favor of the said Company), being the amount charged against the Department of the Minister of Justice for Telegrams in relation to the North-West, Territories, for the quarter ended the 31st December last.

I have, &c.,

• (Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH,

Under Secretary of State.

The Auditor General.

OTTAWA, 13th January, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose, herewith, statement of "Expense Account" during the time I was absent from Ottawa, endeavoring to carry into effect my instructions to proceed to Fort Garry as Collector of Customs and Inspector of Inland Revenue.

I have not included any amount for outfit or damage done to personal effects, nor for extra writing in transcribing Governor McDougall's Despatches, under peculiarly adverse circumstances, preferring to leave these with the Government, either to allow a bulk sum or a per diem allowance as may seem fit.

The three boxes containing stationery, blank forms, &c., belonging to the Customs and Revenue Departments, are stored in the Hudson's Bay Company's warehouse, at

Georgetown, Minn., subject to my order.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.) ALEXANDER BEGG, Collector and Inspector of Inland Revenue.

The Honorable Joseph Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa. Alexander Begg, Collector and Inspector, in account with the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces.

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do do	Fares from St. Paul to Chicago  Meals and sleeping car  Breakfast bill at Chicago and omnibus.	36 00	
do do	Meals and sleeping car	5 00	l .
an. 5th, 1870 :	Breakfast bill at Chicago and omnibus	6 00	
do do	Railway fare, Chicago to Toronto	31 00	
an. 6th, 1870	Pullman sleeping car and meals	4 00	
do do	Meals and omnibus to Rossin House, Toronto	4 50	
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I have looked over the above, and so far as I can judge the items are reasonable.

(Signed,) WM. McDougall.

Ottawa, January 17th, 1870.

(No. 66.)

O. S. S. P., 8th February, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will pay to this Department, by cheque in favor of the Hon. Hector L. Langevin, the sum of twenty-four dollars, to repay Mr. Langevin that amount advanced by him in paying for cable telegraph connected with the North-West disturbances.

The amount to be charged against the appropriation made by Order in Council of 18th December for the government of the North-West Territories.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. A. MERIDITH, Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

To the Auditor General.

(No. 81.)

Office of Secretary of State for the Provinces,

OTTAWA, 15th February, 1870.

Sir,-I have the honor to request that a Warrant may be issued in favor of the Right Reverend Bishop Taché, for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to enable him to proceed to Fort Garry on business connected with the North-West Territories.

The above amount to be charged against the appropriation, under the Order of

Council of 8th December less for the government of the North-West Territories.

I nave, &c., (Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH,

Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Auditor General.

(1,173.)

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 18th February, 1870.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, the Committee advise that authority be given for the payment to his Lordship the Bishop of St. Boniface of the sum of one thousand dollars to enable him to meet travelling and other expenses connected with his journey to Red River, undertaken at the request of the Government,—the amount to be charged to the appropriation of the North-West Territories.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,

Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

OTTAWA, 11th March, 1870.

Hon. Joseph Howe,

Secretary of the Provinces, &c., &c.,

Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose you herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Hon. Wm. McDougall on the 28th ultimo, on the subject of the circumstances under which I went out to the North-West last fall.

Unfortunately Mr. McDougall became ill, soon after my letter was written, so that instead of receiving a letter from him I received a note from his daughter, Miss Maria McDougall, informing me of her father's illness, and of his inability to answer my letter until his recovery. Being now in Ottawa I take the liberty of enclosing you a copy of the above letter, respectfully requesting your consideration of the matter referred to therein.

I may state that going out I paid my own expenses to Fort Abercrombie; that I went with Mr. McDougall's party from the latter place to Pembina and back, sending my baggage by another conveyance; that I paid my expenses the greater part of the time we were at Pembina, and all the way home from Fort Abercrombie.

You will observe from my letter that I am out of business, waiting to know what

disposition is to be made of me.

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

A. N. RICHARDS.

Brockville, 28th February, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—I have not as yet received anything on my salary or to cover my expenses to the North-West and back, except the two hundred dollars received from you at St. Cloud.

My expenses were near five hundred dollars.

When at Ottawa on Friday last I expected to see you about the matter, but there was so much confusion about the levee and reception that I gave up hopes of being able to accomplish anything. I wish to put myself in communication with the Government, but before doing so I would feel very much obliged to you if you would write me setting forth the circumstances under which I left for the North-West, so that I may use it as a voucher if necessary.

You will recollect our first conversation was in August at my office, when you were on your way to Lake Superior, and that you stated that it was to be understood that gentlemen going out to become Members of the Council should cut off all communication with Canada, in order fully to identify themselves with the interests of the country, and that adventurers to go out, make money and return were not desired, and that I expressed

a willingness to go on these terms.

After your return you addressed me a note from Ottawa, wishing to know if I were still willing to go, to which I replied in the affirmative. The next communication was from Toronto, and I went up and met you at the Rossin House, and in conversing with you, you stated I was to hold the office of Attorney General, and as such would be expected to give my professional services to the Government, and that my salary ought to be three thousand dollars, and you also spoke about my practising my profession, so that I would not be confined to an income of three thousand dollars.

The next day or two I met you and Sir John at the same place, when his views were given as to the system of legislating for the country, and upon other matters. Sir John intimating that I had better take all my text books and Ontario reports with me. You are aware that I took my books, and that they are now at Georgetown, and that on my way back I asked you at Georgetown what I should do with them, whether make arrangements to have them returned to Canada or leave them where they were till something

definite turned up, and you recommended the latter course to be pursued.

When I left Brockville I resigned the Solicitorship of the Bank of Montreal and the office of Notary for the same Bank, dissolved partnership with my partner, sold out my business for a small consideration, covenanting not to go into business here again, and leased my office-stand. So that on my return I found myself completely out of business, and unable to go into it again here or any where else, whilst my tooks were on the banks of the Red River. I have no communication in writing from any one but yourself on the above subject, and trust I am not asking too much in requesting from you a statement corroborating the above facts.

Very truly, yours, &c.,

(Signed,)

A. N. RICHARDS.

O. S. S. P., 14th March, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., 28th Feb., 1870. covering a copy of a communication addressed by you to the Hon. Mr. McDougall, setting forth the circumstances under which you went lastfall to the North-West Territories, and calling attention to the fact, that up to the present time you have not received anything, either in the way of salary or towards the payment of the expenses of your journey to and from the Territories, with the exception of \$200 00.

I am, &c.,

J. H.

Brockville, 9th September, 1870.

SIR,—I beg most respectfully to call your attention to my letter to you on the 11th March last, and the copy of my letter to Hon. Wm. McDougall, enclosed therewith. The above mentioned copy contained the statement that my law books (seven cases) were at Georgetown, Minn. As these books were bonded, I was on or about the 2nd July last, requested by the Express Company to see about having them exported to save the bond, and again to-day I have been applied to by them on the same subject, vide enclosed letter of 2nd July last and 6th inst., from the Company to their agent here. It is, therefore, necessary to save duties or perhaps the seizure of the books that I should remove them, or see about renewing the bond again without delay, and in this I must be governed by the decision of the Government as to whether I am to return or not to the North-West.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

A. N. RICHARDS.

The Hon Joseph Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

> Canadian Express Company, Superintendent's Office, Montreal, July 2nd, 1870.

Dear Sir,—Our bond given at Port Huron last fall for goods, addressed, Hon. Richards, Red River, remains unsettled, I think the goods are at Georgetown. I presume Mr. Richards may be in the vicinity of Brockville. Be good enough to ask him what will be done with the goods.

If they remain there until communication is opened, I presume they will be sent

forward, unless otherwise ordered.

Yours truly,

(Signed,) G. CHENEY.

Mr. Murray, Agent, Brockville.

CANADIAN EXPRESS COMPANY, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
MONTREAL, September 6th, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—I wrote you some time since requesting you to see Mr. Richards and learn if possible the whereabouts of his goods which we bonded from Port Huron last fall.

The time for the bond having expired, and been extended, it will expire again soon.

He must do something with the goods or pay the United States Customs duties.

Please attend to it at once and let me know.

Yours truly.

(Signed,)

G. CHENEY.

Mr. Murray, Agent, Brockville.

O. S. S. P., 12th September, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., referring to your communication of the 11th March last, and requesting to be informed as soon as practicable whether it is the intention of the Government that you should return in an official capacity to the North-West.

On the return (which is looked for during the present week) of Sir John A. Macdonald to the seat of Government, I shall bring your letter under his notice and communicate to you again upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

J. H.

Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., Brockville.

OTTAWA, 8th March, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose you herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Hon. Wm. McDougall on the 28th ultimo, to which I have received no answer, owing to his illness, except a note from Miss Maria McDougall, acknowledging its receipt and stating her father would answer it on his recovery.

As the matters referred to in that letter relate wholly to my interests, I take the

liberty of bringing them under your notice.

Very truly yours, &c.,

A. N. RICHARDS.

Sir John A. Macdonald, Ottawa.

BROCKVILLE, 31st October, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., informing me of the appointment of a Sub-Committee of the Privy Council to consider and report upon the claims of myself and others who proceeded to the North-West Territories.

On the 11th March last I addressed a letter to the Hon. Jos. Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces, enclosing a copy of a letter from me to the Hon. Wm. McDougall, setting forth the circumstances under which I went to the North-West (which have been substantially confirmed by Mr. McDougall in a report made to the Treasury Board in the early part of June last), and also stating my situation here which is still the same.

I expected a salary of £750 as the said letter and report will shew, and having waited all summer without being informed whether I was to return or not, I addressed a letter to the Hon. Jos. Howe, on the 27th inst., to the effect that unless notified to the contrary within a fortnight from that date, I should consider myself relieved from any

further engagement with the Government.

My salary should date from 1st October of last year up to the fortnight from the 27th inst., or to the time I am notified I am not to return. I received \$200 from Hon. Mr. McDougall at St. Cloud, and \$1,000 from the Government on 9th June last, and my

expenses were \$500 leaving \$700 to apply on salary.

Should I not be sent back I will expect to be indemnified for my losses. Having been in practice here for twenty years as a barrister and attorney, I gave it up for a small consideration, agreeing not to go into practice here again, and I now find myself obliged to leave and commence again in some other place. It will take some years to get into as good a practice, if I ever should. I may state, that for some years my business was worth a thousand pounds per annum, although lately it fell below that amount owing to the temporary depression of law business. I gave up the solicitorship of the Bank of Montreal and the office of Notary to that Bank, and as that Bank is the only Institution doing business here, their professional business here is worth quite a sum. I therefore submit that two years' salary would not be too much for this item of claim in addition to the salary for the past year.

I cannot say what the expense of bringing back my books will be, but when

returned I can furnish the the Government with a memorandum of the amount.

Messrs. Senkler & Senkler, Barristers, &c., of this place, who were connected with me professionally for fifteen years, can vouch for the statements in the matter of income if desired.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant.

Hon. S. L. Tilley, C.B., Minister of Customs and Inland Fisheries, Ottawa. A. N. RICHARDS,

BROCKVILLE, 28th February, 1870.

MY DEAR SIB,—I have not as yet received anything on my salary, or to cover my expenses to the North-West and back, except the two hundred dollars received from you at St. Cloud. My expenses were nearly five hundred dollars.

When at Ottawa on Friday last, I expected to see about the matter, but there was so much confusion about the levee and reception that I gave up all hopes of being able to accomplish anything. I wish to put myself in communication with the Government, but before doing so, I would feel very much obliged to you if you would write me, setting forth the circumstances under which I left for the North-West, so that I may use it as a

voucher, if necessary.

You will recollect our first conversation was in August, at my office, when you were on your way to Lake Superior, and that you stated it was to be understood that gentlemen going out to be members of the Council should cut off all communication with Canada, in order fully to identify themselves with the interests of the country, and that adventurers to go out, make money, and return were not desired; and that I expressed a willingness to go upon these terms. After your return you addressed me a note from Ottawa, wishing to know if I were still willing to go? To which I replied in the affirmative. The next communication was from Toronto, and I went up and met you at the Rossin House, and in conversing with you, you stated I was to hold the office of Attorney General, and as such would be expected to give my professional services to the Government, and that my salary ought to be three thousand dollars. You also spoke about my practising my profession so that I would not be confined to an income of three thousand dollars.

The next day or two I met you and Sir John at the same place, when his views were given as to the system of legislating for the country, and upon other matters; Sir John intimating that I had better take all my text books and Ontario reports with me. are aware that I took my bocks, and that they are now at Georgetown, and that on my way back I asked you at Georgetown what I should do with them—whether make arrangements to have them returned to Canada, or leave them where they were until something definite turned up, and you recommended the latter course to be pursued. When I left Brockville, I resigned the Solicitorship of the Bank of Montreal, and the office of Notary for the same Bank, dissolved partnership with my partners, sold out my business for a small consideration, covenanting not to go into business here again, and leased my office-stand, so that on my return I found myself completely out of business and unable to go into it again here, or anywhere else, while my books were on the banks of the Red River. I have no communication in writing from any one but yourself on the above subject, and I trust I am not asking too much in requesting from you a statement in writing corroborating the above facts.

Very truly yours, &c.,

A. N. RICHARDS.

Hon. Wm. McDougall, C.B., Ottawa.

BROCKVILLE, 11th October, 1870.

SIR,—On the 1st inst. I forwarded to your address by post, a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed marked No. 1, which letter enclosed a letter from Messrs. Hill, Gregg

& Co., of St, Paul, Minn., to me, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith, marked No. 2.
On the third instant I called at the office of your Department in Ottawa, and learned that the above letter had not been received there. Not having had the receipt of this letter acknowledged I fear it has miscarried. I therefore take the liberty of sending you a copy of the same, with its enclosures. When in Toronto last week, I addressed to Messrs. Hill & Gregg a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, marked No. 3.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

Hon. Jos. Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa. A: N. RICHARDS.

(No. 1.)

Brockville, 1st Oct., 1870.

Sir.—I beg again to bring under your notice the matter referred to in my letter to you on the 9th ultimo. Last evening I received a letter (herein enclosed) from Messrs. Hill, Gregg & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., informing me that the bond given by them for the purpose of passing my books through American territory to Fort Garry could not be renewed again, and that the books must either be sent forward or duty on them paid. As the matter is of considerable importance to me, I take the liberty of asking an answer to the enquiry in my letter above mentioned, in time to enable me to act so as to save the duties, which would be quite a sum; the value of the property being upwards of five hundred pounds, if not more.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS.

Hon. Jos. Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(No. 2.)

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 22nd, 1870.

Dear Sir,—We have to acknowledge yours of the 12th inst. The bonds have been extended from time to time, and we have been notified that they cannot be extended any longer. It will be necessary to pay duty or have them go through to Red River, and we think the latter the cheapest. We should be glad to see you out this way again as matters are all settled amicably.

Yours, truly,

(Signed,)

HILL, GREGG & Co.,

A. N. Richards, Esq., Brockville, Ont.

(No. 3.)

TORONTO, 6th October, 1870.

Gentlemen, —I am in receipt of yours of 22nd ultimo, informing me that the bond given to pass my books through American Territory, from Port Huron to Pembina, cannot be again extended. I have not yet been informed by the Government whether I am to return or not, and cannot yet say whether I will want the books sent forward or returned. Should I not go out, I want the books returned. My brother, who is well acquainted with your Consul at Montreal, has written to him, asking him to have the time extended for three months, as I will certainly know in that time what I am to do.

Should the application through the Consul fail, I suppose the cases, seven in all, had better be sent forward to Fort Garry, as I do not want to pay duties on them; and in case I do not go out, they can be brought back. I would, therefore, like to have them kept at Georgetown as long as they can with safety; but if they must go forward, you will please see that safe men are engaged to take them on. I suppose the charges from

Georgetown will not be heavy. I do not know any person at Fort Garry to whom they could be consigned, other than Mr. Smith, the Governor of the Company. Probably he would have no objection to direct some of the warehousemen of the Company to store them in a safe place for a short time, until I know what I am to do. Be good enough to let me know the latest time they can remain in the United States as the Bond now stands. I write this from Toronto, but you can communicate with me at Brockville.

Yours, &c., (Signed,) A. N. RICHARDS.

Messrs. Hill, Gregg & Co., St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.

O. S. S. P., 13th October, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your letter of 1st Oct., 1870. the 11th inst., covering a copy of a letter addressed by you to this De-22nd Sept., 1870. partment, but not received here—with a copy of a letter to you from 6th Oct., 1870. Messrs. Hill, Gregg & Co., of St. Paul, Minnesota, and a copy of your reply to that communication.

All the correspondence above referred to, will be brought under the early notice of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, with your previous letter of the 9th

ultimo.

(Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH.

The Hon.

A. N. Richards, Q.C., Brockville.

Brockville, 27th October, 1870.

SIR,—I beg to bring under your consideration the fact, that as yet I have only received seven hundred doilars on my salary as one of the Members of the contemplated Government of the North-West Territories, under the Act of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, 32 & 33, Vic., cap. 3. I was led to believe my salary would be £750 per annum, vide the report of the Hon. W. McDougall in June last to the Treasury Board, upon the enclosure in my letter to you of the 11th March last, and on the 1st inst. one year was up. To the three thousand dollars may be added five hundred for expenses, and from the aggregate should be deducted \$200 received from the Hon. W. McDougall at St. Cloud, Minnesota,—and \$1,000 received from the Government on the 9th June last, leaving a balance of twenty-three hundred dollars due me. My letter to you of 11th March explained my position, and as I have not received any official notice of my services not being further required, I have not commenced practice again; but as I think I ought not to be idle any longer, and as peace is restored in the North-West, and the Government are, I presume, in a position to decide whether I am to return or not, I take the liberty of informing you, that unless notified to the contrary, within a fortnight from this date, I shall consider myself relieved from any further engagement with the Government, and will then attempt to have my library returned from the Red River, and establish myself in business somewhere outside of these counties, as I am virtually turned out of them as explained in my letter above mentioned.

Should my services not be required, I will expect to be indemnified for losses sus-

tained.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed,) A. N. RICHARDS.

Hon. Joseph Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa.

O. S. S. P., 29th October 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., and have laid it before a Sub-Committee of the Privy Council, which has been charged to investigate the claims of the gentlemen who accompanied Mr. McDougall to the North-West. I am in hopes that their report will not be long delayed.

Joseph Howe.

The Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., Brockville.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 25th March, 1870.

On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Justice, the Committee advise the issue of an accountable Warrant, in favor of Captain Donald Roderick Cameron, for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be charged against the sum set apart for the re-organization of matters in the Red River Territory.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 6th April, 1870.

On a report, dated 5th April, 1870, from the Director of Militia Stores, and the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, the Committee advise that a sum of \$57,207 be placed at the credit of that Department, to enable them to meet the liabilities incurred for commissariat supplies for the North-West route, as stated in the said report; such amount to be charged to the vote "for opening communication with the North-West Territories, establishing Government, and for providing for settlement thereof."

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

STORE BRANCH, OTTAWA, 5th April, 1870.

SIR,—In accordance with the instructions conveyed in a lettter dated 21st ulto, covering copy of an Order in Council relative to the furnishing of commissariat supplies for the North-West route, at an estimated cost of \$75,410, I have now the honor to direct your attention to the contracts entered into for pork, flour, hay and oats, to the probable amount of \$57,207. These are now in the course of delivery, and as it is indispensable that prompt payment should be made, as the several articles are received, I have now the honor to request that a sum, equal to that amount, be placed at credit of the Department of Militia and Defence, to meet the demands that are likely to accrue within the next ten days or a fortnight.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

Thos. Willy, Lieut. Colonel, Director of Stores, &c.

The Honorable

The Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa. Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 12th April, 1870.

On the recommendation, dated 9th April, 1870, of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, the Committee advise that he be authorized to expend a further sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) in the purchase and transport of, say, 35 boats for Government service on the water portion of the route between Lake Superior and the Red River Settlements.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces,

&c., &c., &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 22nd April, 1870.

On a Memorandum dated 20th April, 1870, from the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, representing that as a temporary expedient it is found necessary to provide a scow for use at the head of the Sault Ste. Marie Rapids, on the line of communication with the Red River, to serve the purposes of a wharf, the construction of which would be a work of time and considerable expense.

That it is also essential that temporary huts and stables for the storing of provisions, &c., and the accommodation of 160 horses, should be built at Thunder Bay and Sheban-

dowan Lake.

That the cost, of the scow, with expense of management for a limited period, is estimated at \$700, and that the erection of huts and stables will entail an expenditure of about \$4,100. The Minister therefore recommends that an appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be made for the above purposes.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c.

OTTAWA, April 22nd, 1870.

SIR,—According to the instructions of the Honorable Mr. McDougall, when he left Pembina, in December last, I remained at that place as long as I believed that it could be important for the Privy Council to get from me some information, that perhaps it would have been difficult for them to get from other sources, concerning the late events in the Red River Settlement.

After the desire formally expressed by the insurgents to negotiate with the Canadian Government, and the sending-of delegates, coming here to represent their views and their interests, I thought that my presence at Pembina was useless, and I came back to Ottawa to wait here for new instructions that I might receive from you.

At my departure from Ottawa in October last, I received from your Department two hundred dollars (\$200), and another sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) has been paid to my credit at the Banque de Peuple, at Montreal, in January last, and I received from the Honorable Mr. McDougall, all my expenses since his departure and on my way back.

My expenses necessarily connected with that journey up to the time of the departure of the Honorable Mr. McDougall from Pembina, and what remains to be paid to bring back my books and other articles left behind, amounting to fifteen hundred dollars, leaving

a balance of eight hundred dollars in my favor, outside of my salary from October last, the amount of which is at the discretion of the Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed,)
J. A. N. PROVENCHER.

To the Hon. Mr. Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c.

(No. 210.)

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces; Ottawa, 27th April, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., reporting your return from Pembina to Ottawa, giving also a statement of the expenses connected with your journey to and from Pembina, and submitting a claim of \$800 on account of such expenses, irrespective of any salary which the Government may see fit to allow you.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) JOSEPH HOWE,

(Signed.) Joseph Howe, Secretary of State.

J. A. N. Provencher, Esq., Ottawa.

#### Hon. Mr. McDougall to the Auditor.

Toronto, 4th June, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 1st June, enclosing communications from Mr. A. N. Richards, and Mr. J. A. N. Provencher, on the subject of their claims against the Government for salary and expenses in respect of their services in connection with the attempt to organize the Government of the North-West Territories under the Act of 1869. You inform me that you were directed by the Chairman of the Treasury Board to forward to me "for examination and report," the claims of these gentlemen.

I beg to observe that as they have not apparently submitted statements detailing the actual expenditure and losses they have sustained in connection with the public service, it is impossible for me to "examine" or "report" for the information of the Board,

except in the most general terms.

The nature of the employment, and the circumstances under which these gentlemen were selected to undertake it, are as well known to the Treasury Board as to me. The cause of their return to Canada I need not report to the Board, and their present status or relations with the Government, as well as their expectation of employment in the

future, are points upon which I can offer no information.

With respect to the statement of Mr. Richards, in his letter to me of the 28th February (a copy of which you have enclosed), as to the conversations which took place between us prior to his departure from Canada, and also with the Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, I beg to say that, substantially, the statement is correct. It is my duty to remark, however, that when I spoke of Mr. Richard's salary as Attorney General under the new Government, I expressed my own opinion merely. Mr. Richards understood that I had no authority at that time to bind the Government of the Dominion. He had a right to expect, no doubt, that I would, as Governor, endeavour to secure for him the salary of \$3,000 per annum, which I said he "ought" to receive. I was authorized by the Premier to open communication with Mr. Richards, and it was understood by all

parties that his appointment would be confirmed as soon as my commission came into force.

I paid Mr. Richards at St. Cloud, \$260 American currency, on account of his expenses, he joined me at Fort Abercrombie and travelled with me to Pembina and back. He lived a part of the time at Pembina at lodgings, and if he only expended \$500 beyond

the sum advanced by me, he must have practised reasonable economy.

In respect to the question of salary, and the claim which Mr. Richards suggests for the consideration of the Government, on account of loss of business by reason of his acceptance of employment in the North-West Territory, I respectfully submit that I am not in a position to assist the Treasury Board, even by the expression of my opinion. These are matters which, as it seems to me, belong exclusively to the Government, to be dealt with in its discretion, and in view of all the circumstances which have attended this unfortunate and exceptional service.

That Mr. Richards has sustained great loss and injury in his business, I believe; that he performed such duties as were required of him, willingly and ably, and that his life was in imminent danger for weeks I can attest; that we did not succeed in establishing the authority of the Canadian Government in Rupert's Land, may or may not be deemed our fault, but whoever is to blame, I have no doubt, for my part, that Mr. Richards can in no

sense be held responsible for the failure.

The case of Mr. Provencher is so far different from that of Mr. Richards, that I am unable to report anything as to the circumstances under which he was induced to leave Canada. I had no communication with him until he joined me at Fort Abercrombie. Sir George Cartier or Mr. Langevin can probably inform the Board as to what arrangements or promises were made in his case.

Understanding that it was the wish of the gentleman named that he should be appointed to the office of Secretary, under the new Government, I received him in that character,

and provided for his expenses as stated in his letter.

The amount claimed by Mr. Provencher on account of expenses (seeing that he admits payment by me of his expenditure at Pembina, from the date of my departure until his arrival at Ottawa), seems relatively much larger than that claimed by Mr. Richards, and I would therefore suggest, that he be asked to submit a statement of account in the usual form, giving credit on the one side for all moneys received, and on the other, the heads or items of expenditure. He acknowledges the receipt of \$700 from the Government, and he received from me in cash \$550, besides the proceeds of some Government property sold by him at Pembina. Mr. Provencher remained at Pembina, with my approval, to watch the course of events, and to render all the assistance in his power to the Canadians who might escape from the "massacre" with which Father Ritchot threatened them. (See the letter of this person at page 91 of the North-West "correspondence and papers)." Ihave reason to believe that Mr. Provencher did good service in helping these unfortunate loyalists, and he must have expended some money in that service; but until his account is submitted with fuller details than I find in his letter, I am unable to report further upon it.

I will add, in conclusion, that I was well satisfied with Mr. Provencher's zeal and courage under all the difficulties we encountered in our attempts to proceed to Fort Garry.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Signed,)

W. McDougall.

John Langton, Esq., Auditor, &c.

OTTAWA, 21st June, 1870.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 9th inst., I have the honor of sending you, for the information of the Treasury Board, a statement of account, showing, as far as possible, details of sums received and expended by me on service of the Dominion.

The house that I kept at Pembina, from the 18th December, 1869, to the 23rd of March, was used, of course, as a stopping place by all the Canadians going out of the Red River Settlement, and to a great many of them I had to give provisions. That will account for the comparatively large item of my expenses that period.

In the meantime the nature of those expenses and the way the money was paid do

not leave any possibility of filing vouchers, or even giving full particulars.

Under the item of general expenses incurred for the expedition, I include the preparations for the journey, and that part of the fitting arrangements to live in the North-West, that is a plain loss to me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed,)
J. A. N. PROVENCHER.

	J. A. N. Provencher, in Account with the Dominion.	\$ ets.
	669.—Cash from the Department of the Secretary for the Provinces	200 00
	370.—Paid at La Banque du Peuple	500 00
7th February, 18	70.—Cheque on Hon. Mr. McDougall, paid at St. Paul	
23rd March d	o —Furniture sold	
. do d	1 m 00	
,	o —One waggon sold	
28th March de	7.0	
12th April d		
	United States Currency 985 10	
		73 <b>8</b> 58
21st May d	o —Two horses sold, U. S. Cy 182 42	159 31
3rd January d	o —Cheque on Hon. Mr. McDougall paid by Hon. Mr. Tupper£32 0 0	
15th do d	Mr. Tupper£32 0 0 to —Cheque on Col. de Salaberry	•
	Cash for two waggons	
	£65 0 0	325 00
	\$	1,922 89
Cr.	•	\$ cts.
	Expenses from Montreal to Pembina	200 00
	Expenses from Pembina to St. Norbert and back	30 00
	Remaining at Pembina from 4th Nov. to 16th Dec	70 00
	Express charges for carrying books, &c., part belonging to Government	110 00
•	To have part of same brought back	90 00
	Various expenses incurred for the Expedition	1,000 00
	various expenses inclinication one inspection	2,000

Cr.	Paid to Servants at Pembina, from 16th Dec. to 12th April	\$ 85 40	00
•	Travelling expenses from Pembina to Ottawa, with Servant		
		435	
	Other expenses at Pembina	503	58
	<b>.</b>	2,563	58
•		1,922	
		\$ 640	69

OTTAWA, June 22nd, 1870.

SIR,—In reference to the Statement of Account that I have had the honor of sending you yesterday, I beg you to add the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) that I received from the Receiver General's Department, 4th inst.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant, (Signed.) J. A. N

J. A. N. PROVENCHER.

#### NICOLET, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, 22nd Oct. 1870.

MY DEAR BEGG,—Mr. McDougall just telegraphs to me that he has sent to you or to my address at your care, that famous draft of Larose. Will you please to try to have it paid by the Government? You may believe that the amount would be just as well in my pocket as in Government's.

Yours truly,

(Signed,)

PROVENCHER.

(Memorandum.)

Herewith you have the draft referred to. Mr. Provencher's note will explain what he requires. I believe this amount is not included in Mr. McDougall's statement.

(Signed,)

A. Begg.

E. A. Meredith, Esq.,

Assistant Secretary of State.

(£12 3s. 6d.)

Pembina, 3rd Dec., 1869.

Pay to the order of Frank Larose, the sum of Twelve pounds, Three shillings and Six pence, and charge to account of contingencies.

(Signed,)

WM. McDougall.

To D. A. Grant, or Col. Dennis, Fort Garry.

#### IN COMMITTEE.

·12TH MAY, 1870.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, the Committee advise that an accountable Warrant for the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) issue in favor of Licut. Colonel Charles de Salaberry, for service in connection with the disturbances at Red River Settlement.

(Signed,)

W. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Secretary of State for the Provinces.

HAMILTON, 20th May, 1870.

Dear Sir,—Referring to letter of our Mr. James Turner, dated 28th April, we are this day in receipt of letter from Dr. Lynch (copy enclosed) in reference to claim of Messrs. Bannatyne and Begg, from which you will notice, Minister of Finance has authorized payment of their claims—kindly inform us if we should pass draft through Bank of Montreal as before, and if papers sent you on 28th ult., are now in hands of Finance Minister, thus rendering it unnecessary to attach them to our draft; of course if it is premature to draw, say so, and we will delay.

Our Mr. James Turner is from home at present, but we expect him to return next

week, when he will probably write.

We are yours truly, (Signed,)

JAMES

JAMES TURNER & Co.

The Honorable Joseph Howe, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 18th May, 1870.

Dear Sir,—I have only to day received the assurance from the Minister of Finance that Messrs. Bannatyne and Begg's claims, chiefly comprised of orders signed by myself, would be paid; but I am happy to say that it has at length been arranged, and I have been authorized to convey that information to you. I shall be leaving Ottawa for Montreal on Saturday, and if, in the meantime, I can do anything further in this matter, I shall be glad to do so.

Please acquaint Messrs. Bannatyne and Begg of the result.

I remain,

· Yours respectfully, (Signed,) JAMES LYNCH.

Mr. Turner.

(No.264.)

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 21st May, 1870.

GENTLEMEN,—I received this morning your letter of the 20th inst., covering a copy No. 255. of a letter addressed to you by Dr. Lynch, and am to state in reply to Ottawa, 18th May. the enquiry made respecting the Accounts transmitted with Mr. Turner's letter of the 28th April last, that, I am advised that the Finance Minister (to whose Department as you are aware the Accounts were transferred) has the account in question under consideration, but that some days will probably elapse before he will be in possession of the necessary information to enable him to dispose of them.

I am also to inform you, that so soon as the Accounts are passed, you will be officially notified of the fact by the Finance Department, and instructed as to how the money will be paid.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant, (Signed,)

JOSEPH HOWE.

Secretary of State.

Messrs. James Turner & Co., Hamilton.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.

(Copy.—Canada.—No. 129.)

DOWNING STREET, 26th May, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you, for your information and for that of your Government, the enclosed copies of a correspondence which has passed between the Hudson Bay Company and this Department, respecting the despatch H. B. Co., 13th May, 1870. C. O. to Co., 17th May. H. B. Co., 20th. C. O. to Co., 26th May. of stores to the Red River Settlement, and the claim of the company to indemnity in case of their suffering loss with respect to these stores, owing to the disturbances in the settlement.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.)

GRANVILLE.

Governor General, The Right Hon. Sir John Young, Bart., G. C. B., G. C. M. G., &c., &c.

Sir C. Lampson to Sir F. Rogers.

(Copy.)

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE. London, 13th May, 1870

SIR,-I am desired by the Committee of this Company to communicate to Her Majesty's Government a Despatch, which has just been received from Mr. Wm. McTavish, dated Fort Garry, 6th April, as the Committee deem it of the utmost importance that Her Majesty's Government should be made acquainted with the results which are arising from the proceedings adopted by the Government of Canada, and which alone have led to the formation of the so called "Provisional Government."

The Committee abstain from entering at this moment into the general question of the proceedings taken by the Canadian Government, or into the question as to who is to be held responsible for the damage and injuries they will have produced, but they are desirous to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to one point of a most pressing character, the solution of which may involve the preservation or destruction of a large portion of the population.

Her Majesty's Government are probably aware that up to the present time both the inhabitants of Rupert's Land, as well as the Indian population, have been mainly dependent upon the supplies sent out by the Hudson's Bay Company for their mainten-

ance and subsistence.

It will be seen from Mr. McTavish's report that considerable inroads have already been made upon the supplies which have remained in the Company's stores, and it will be also seen that Mr. McTavish expresses very strong doubts as to the expediency of this Company, in the present state of the Territory, sending outlany further supplies.

Should this Company act upon that suggestion, the almost certain result would be that the Indian population will be deprived of the means of obtaining food, and the rest of the population either left in the same predicament, or at all events subjected to great loss, privation and inconvenience in procuring the means of subsistence, either from Canada or the United States.

The period is now fast approaching when the Company's supplies should be sent out, and as the question is one of a public nature, the Committee beg to enquire whether Her Majesty's Government, will give an engagement to this Company to indemnify them against any loss or damage they may sustain from their stores upon their arrival at the Company's posts or stations, being interfered with by the agents of the Provisional Government, or by any of the disaffected population. As it is necessary that the Committee should come to a decision on the subject without delay, the Committee will be glad to receive a communication from Her Majesty's Government at their earliest convenience.

I should mention that the value of the supplies usually sent out at this period of the

year, is about £80,000.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

C. M. LAMPSON, Deputy Chairman.

Sir F. Rogers, Bart., Colonial Office.

Extract of a letter from Governor McTavish to W. G. Smith, Secretary of the Hudson's Bay Company, dated Fort Garry, Red River, 6th of April, 1870.

" I beg to forward for your information the following general outline of events which have occurred here since I last addressed you on the 12th of February.

"I then mentioned, that on the evening of the 10th February, a Provisional Government had been formed, of which Mr. Louis Riel was acknowledged President by the

Congress of Representatives from the various parts of the Settlement.

"On the forenoon of the 14th of February, it became known at Fort Garry, that a party of Canadians and others from Portage La Prairie had arrived at Headingly, on their way to this place, with the avowed object of liberating the prisoners and overthrowing the French party,

"Simultaneously with this movement a general rising took place in the lower part of the Settlement, in the Parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Clement's, from which a multitude of several hundred men came to Frog Plain, when they were joined by the party of more

than one hundred men from the Portage.

"Headingly is about 12 miles from Fort Garry, situated on the Assiniboine; Frog Plain is about five miles from Fort Garry, situated on the Red River. In order to form a junction with the party from the lower settlements, that from the portage passed within sight of this Fort on the night of the 14th. The moon was bright, and they were expected by the French, who manned the bastions and walls and fired several shots, apparently as a salute. The Portage party in passing through the village of Winnipeg, surrounded and searched a house in which Riel sometimes slept, though without finding him.

"The party from the Lower Settlement were led by Dr. Schultz, and on their arrival at Frog Plain they billeted themselves in the Scotch Church at that place. messenger to Fort Garry demanding the liberation of the prisoners which had been promised by Riel on the formation of the Provisional Government, but had been only partially fulfilled. The French party had collected to the number of about 700 men and were prepared to defend the Fort. On the evening of the 15th the last of the prisoners were

set at liberty.

"After remaining in a disorderly crowd at Frog Plain, debating the best course for them to pursue, the greater number of the English party separated for their various homes on the evening of the 16th February.

"On the morning of the 17th a number of men belonging to the portage party passed Fort Garry on their way home from Frog Plain to Portage La Prairie. Riel immediately

despatched a party of Frenchmen to intercept them, which was effected without a shot being fired. The number of prisoners so taken was 47. They were nominally under the command of Captain Boulton, late of the 100th Regiment. A Canadian gentleman wintering in the settlement who had connected himself with Colonel Dennis' operations last Autumn.

"Four of the prisoners were condemned by Court Martial to be executed, but in consequence of carnest representations Riel parloned three of them, refusing however to interfere in favor of Captain Boulton. Late on the evening of the 19th, a few hours before the time fixed for the execution, Riel consented to respite Boulton on the condition that Mr. Smith, the Canadian Commissioner, should make a tour through the Settlement, and induce the inhabitants of the disaffected parishes to support the action of their representatives and acknowledge the Provisional Government.

"Mr. Smith, accompanied by Archdencon McLean, visited the various districts referred to, and finally the number of English delegates required to complete the "Legislative

Council" were elected and returned.

"I regret to say that during the time occupied by the proceedings of the assemblage at Frog Plain, a young Scotchman, named John Hugh Sutherland was shot by a Frenchman who had been taken prisoner. Sutherland was in no was connected the movement, the person who shot him did so in the course of a futile effort to regain his liberty.

"I also regret to state that a prisoner, named Scott, was shot by order of a French

Court Martial on 4th March. His offence was, I believe, insubordination.

"Dr. Schultz with some difficulty made good his escape, and has recently been heard of as having reached Superior City via Fort Francis and Vermillion Lake. He was escorted by Joseph Monkman who it is said holds a Commission from Mr. McDougall to visit the Indians in that quarter, with what object I have been unable to ascertain.

"Appended to the Commission, Monkman also carried a general order addressed to the Company's officers, directing the latter to supply him with supplies, for the re-payment of which the Canadian Government would be responsible. This order Monkman showed to Chief Trader Taylor, who, having received no advice thereof from the Company's Officials, declined to comply with it. The Commission which was attached to the order Monkman refused to show, asserting that it was private.

"The first meeting of the Legislative Assembly took place on 9th March. Bishop Taché arrived on the 10th, and was present at the second meeting of the Assembly on the 15th. He begged that the prisoners should all be liberated. Half their number were at once set free and the remainder on the 20th March, the reason alleged for their protracted detention being that the popular excitement in the settlement had not yet

quieted down.

"Judge Black, the Rev. Mr. Richot, and Mr. Alfred H. Scott, who had been appointed delegates from the people here, left the settlement for Ottawa on or about the 24th March.

"Mr. Black had acted as delegate from one of the parishes in the settlement at the Convention which sat to frame the Bill of Rights, and form a temporary Government, which would be acceptable to all sections of the Colony. This Mr. Black did most reluctantly and only on account of representations that his presence neight be of essential service. The Convention elected Mr. Black as its Chairman. When requested to go to Ottawa as a delegate he refused for a long time, and was with much difficulty ultimately prevailed on to go by Bishop Taché. He left on 24th ultimo with his sister. Captain Boulton returned along with him to Canada.

"Chief Factor Smith, accompanied by Chief Trader Hardesty, left this place for Canada on 19th ultimo, and Mr. de Salaberry followed on the 23rd. The Rev. Mr. Thibeault

will remain to reside in the settlement.

"With regard to the present situation, as respects the Company's operations in a commercial point of view, I beg to enclose copy of propositions made to me by Riel, by conceding which the Company would be permitted to resume business. The conditions bear very heavily upon us, but compliance was inevitable.

"Fort Garry had been entirely taken from our hands by the French half-breeds party. the leaders of which had with violence seized the keys of all the shops, stores and warehouses within its walls, and have for months past been carrying away the Company's

property of all kinds in vast quantities without let or hindrance.

"As you are aware a large quantity of valuable furs have remained in store here since last autumn. These along with everything else have been seized, and we find ourselves perfectly powerless to repossess ourselves of them, without the permission of Riel and his people. Our servants have been expelled from their houses and obliged to live outside the Fort, to provide accommodation for the half-breeds. Our officers have been, as a special mark of favor, permitted to retain their houses with the exception of Dr. Cowan whose entire house has been seized by Riel and used as "Government House." The outpost of White Horse Plain has been seized in like manner, and occupied by a large guard of half breeds. The cattle belonging to its farm have been appropriated, and as a sample of the damage perpetrated I may mention that by latest advices 70 of the best working oxen have been slaughtered and eaten.

"The small station at Oak Point on Lake Manitoba was seized and Chief Factor Deschambeault compelled to leave it. Riel, however, has since disclaimed the latter outrage as unauthorized by him, and the post is said to have been restored to the Company by his orders. In a former letter I mentioned that our store at St. Boniface had

been sacked by a portion of half breeds opposed to Riel.

"Pembina, Lower Fort Garry, and Portage La Prairie, have been visited from time to time throughout the winter by armed flying parties, and businessof all kinds has been long

entirely stopped in this district.

"Respecting the cutside territory communication with inland districts has been impeded by the impossibility of our sending packets without first obtaining passes from Riel to enable the bearers to pass his scouts stationed on all the roads. Threats were also held out that parties should at once go West with instructions addressed from the Provisional Government to the half-breed population in Swan River and Saskatchewan districts, directing them to seize the Company's posts in these places, and after having seized all the provisions and furs in the stores, bring them to Red River in spring.

An armed party was also to have visited Portage la Loche in summer, with the object of possessing themselves of the returns of Arthabasca and MacKenzie River dis-

tricts, and of plundering every Fort along the route.

These threats were not vain. In fact, even had the Company's people been able partially to evade the consequences of such steps, the result must have been ruinous in any case, as the interruption to the traffic would have prevented our getting returns to York in time to go home by the ship.

Our returns throughout the North would have been seized and appropriated by the French, and Forts would have been taken, and our people, cast adrift in the country,

would have been compelled to shift for themselves as best they could.

It is now fully three weeks since rumours first reached me that the time had been fixed at which, in the event of non-compliance with the terms to be proposed by Riel, the Company's people in Red River District were to be turned out of their Forts, and all property, whether personal to themselves or belonging to the Company, confiscated. Since then I have had repeated interviews with Riel, and after much delay the enclosed list of conditions has been completed. I am unable to say whether it will be respected, under all contingencies, by the half breeds, but at present I think they mean to abide by their promises, and I feel that my compliance with their demands, on behalf of the Company affords our only chance of avoiding immediate inevitable destruction.

Enclosed is also letter from Thos. Bunn, "Secretary of State," which was elicited by a request of Mr. John H. McTavish, the Accountant, that the upper story of the building, the lower part of which contains the Company's public office, should be restored to us, it being the residence of the clerks, some of whom have been compelled to leave the Fort, but

will now I hope return to resume their duties.

The lower story of the house in question we have been permitted to retain through-

out the winter, and have consequently been enabled to preserve our books.

We hope within a few days to be enabled to recommence business throughout the district, and when the proper time arrives to send perhaps eight boats to Portage La Loche instead of the usual number of fifteen. I shall, as soon as practicable, forward the furs in store here to Saint Paul. We hope to beable to carry on our summer trade, but in consequence of the dreadful pillage we have sustained we shall do so in a very crippled Indeed we shall probably require to import some articles during the summer, of which we have been rendered destitute by the drain of the past winter. These articles may, however, be obtained at St. Paul.

I hope soon to be able to address you finally on a few matters affecting the trade. I have felt unwilling to do so for some time past, as the mails are known to have been unsafe. This deficiency has now, I think, been got over. This letter I forward to St. Paul by Mr. Hill of that place, who has been here on a visit for a few days and returns to-morrow. Meanwhile I may say I consider the position of the Company in this country to be most critical, and I cannot advise the Board to allow any fresh importations of merchandise until some guarantee shall have been obtained from the English or Canadian Governments for our protection. The arrangements just concluded may enable us to export our returns and pursue the more necessary business of the approaching summer, but beyond that time the prospects are quite impenetrable and even during its continuance they are very uncertain.

Mr. Malmross, the American Consul, on quitting this place, lately appointed Mr. Henry M. Robinson, ex-editor of the New Nation, as Vice-Consul. In handing over the newspaper business to Mr. Thomas Spence, the new editor, some difficulty rose which induced Riel to send for Robinson who refused to answer his summons. Finally, after undergoing an act of violence at the hands of the person sent to apprehend him, Robinson came to the Fort, and after about one hour's detention was suffered to depart. The Vice-Consul now asserts he has reported the matter to his Government in a manner which will secure the presence of American troops at Pembina for the protection of Americans and

their property against more serious outrages in summer.

To Mr. Wm. McTavish,

[Transltiaon.]

Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company in the North-West.

SIR,—With reference to our conversations in relation to the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company in this country, I beg to assure you that my great desire is to re-establish as soon as possible, in the interests of all parties, a free course of trade.

The people, by rallying to the Provisional Government with unanimity of sentiment,

prescribe to both of us our course.

The Provisional Government, based upon justice and reason, will accomplish its work.

The Hudson's Bay Company in its commercial interests may be spared, but that is your business and depends entirely on the company itself. I have had the honor to state to you that arrangements were possible, and they are so on the following conditions :-

1. That the whole Hudson's Bay Company in the North-West acknowledge the Provisional Government.

2. That you subscribe, in the name of the Hudson's Bay Company, to a loan to the

Provisional Government of the sum of £3,000 sterling.

That on the demand of the Provisional Government, in the event of the arrangements with Canada being impeded, you shall guarantee a supplement of £2,000 sterling to the sum above mentioned.

4. That there be granted by the Hudson's Bay Company to the military department of the Provisional Government, provisions and merchandize to the value of £4,000 at current prices.

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5. That the Hudson's Bay Company shall immediately put their notes again in circulation.

6. That the Hudson's Bay Company relinquish' a specified quantity of merchandize, which the Provisional Government would reserve to itself in case of an arrangement.

On accepting these conditions the Company shall open its stores under the protection of the Provisional Government. Fort Garry shall be opened, remaining at the same time the seat of Government under a small guard of fifty men.

Such, sir, are the conditions which the situation imposes upon us. I shall not shrink from the performance of my duty; you have a proper sense of your own, and I am confi-

dent your decision will be favorable.

Permit me to express to you here the sentiments of sympathy I feel for you in the bad state of your health, and my sincere wishes for your speedy recovery.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

Louis Riel. President.

Office of the Provisional Government. Fort Garry, 28th March, 1870.

[Translation.]

Wm. McTavish, Esq.,

Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company in the North-West.

SIR,-I have the honor to inform you that you shall have the whole of the house called the office, but that we shall take the yellow storehouse, which stands first on the right of your residence.

I have also the honor to inform you that we shall require from £2,000 to £2,500 in

provisions, the remainder to be given in merchandize.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed,)

THOMAS BUNN,

Secretary of State.

Government House, 5th April, 1870.

(Copy.)

In the name of the Hudson's Bay Company in this country, I accept and agree to fulfil all the above conditions and propositions, Witness my hand, this fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at Red River Settlement.

(Signed,)

Wy. McTavish.

Signed in our presence, the day and year above written.

(Signed,)

THOMAS BUNN,

Secretary of State,

(Signed,)

N. B. O'Donaghue,

Secretary.

Mr. Holland to Sir Curtis Lampson.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 17th May, 1870.

SIR,-I am directed by Earl Granville to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enquiring whether Her Majesty's Government would give an engagement to the Company to indemnify them against any loss or damage in respect of certain stores which the Company contemplate sending to Rupert's Land.

Lord Granville desires me to state that before the goods arrive in Rupert's Land, the responsibility for the peace of the Country will probably have passed to the Canadian Government, to whom any proposal of this kind, which the Company may think requisite, had better be made by telegram without loss of time.

I am to add that the presence of Sir Stafford Northcote at Ottawa, appears to afford peculiar facilities for this course of proceedings.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. T. HOLLAND.

Sir Curtis Lampson, Baronet, &c., &c., &c.,

#### Sir C. Lampson to Mr. Holland.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE, LONDON, May 20th, 1870.

SIR,—I am favored with your letter of the 17th instant, in answer to mine of the 13th, and very much regret that Lord Granville should not have seen the necessity of giving the Hudson's Bay Company the indemnity they asked for.

It is too late now to communicate with the Government of Canada on the subject. No satisfactory result could be arrived at by telegram, besides which Sir Stafford Northcote

has now left Canada, and will sail from New York by the steamer of the 25th.

Under these circumstances the Committee of this Compuny have come to the determination, at all events, of not running the risk of the Indian, and other population of the Districts, being left without the means of subsistence, and they will, therefore, despatch the Stores as usual, but in adopting this step the Committee adhere to their opinion that the Government ought to have undertaken the responsibility; and should any damage or loss occur by the proceedings of the Provisional Government, they will still look to Her Majesty's Government for the indemnity, should the Canadian Government decline to take it upon themselves.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

C. M. Lampson, Deputy Governor.

H. T. Holland, Esq., Colonial Office.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, to Sir Curtis Lampson.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 26th May 1870.

SIR,—With reference to that part of your letter of the 20th instant, respecting the despatch of stores to Fort Garry, in which it is stated that should any damage or loss occur by the proceedings of the Provisional Government, the Company would still look to Her Majesty's Government for indemnity, should the Canadian Government decline to take it upon themselves, I am directed by Earl Granville to respeat that Her Majesty's Government do not accept that liability.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

F. ROGERS.

Sir Curtis Lampson, Baronet, &c., &c., &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 31st May, 1870.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, the Committee advise that a Warrant issue in favor of Mr. Joseph Monkman, for the sum of five hundred

and ninety dollars (\$590), being for his services and expenses in connection with the Red River difficulties, the same to be charged against the vote for opening communication with the North-West Territories.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable,

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on 23rd June, 1870.

The Committee have had before them the extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Honorable the Treasury Board, held on the 7th June, 1870, and on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, they respectfully advise that the said Minutes be approved, and the several recommendations therein submitted adopted and acted on.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable,

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c.

Extracts from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa on the 7th day of June, 1870.

(Copy—No. 211.)

The Board took into consideration (inter alia) the following accounts in connection with the recent disturbances in the North-West, together with Mr. McDongall's report thereon of the 30th May:—

A. N. Richards, Q.C.—Recommended that a sum of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) be paid Mr. Richards on account, pending the illness of the Hon. the Minister of Justice.

A. Boyd.—£700 3s. 2d. approved and recommended for payment; directed that instructions be given to the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces to make due inquiries about all stores placed in charge of officers of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Bannantyne & Begg.—\$963 58 certified as correct by Dr. Lynch, and recommended

for payment.

McArthur & Martin.—£343 10s. certified by Dr. Lynch. The Board recommend that payment of this amount be made, less £33 5s. 6d. charged by Mr. McArthur as expenses from the settlement to Montreal and Ottawa, to collect acceptance against the Government.

Respectfully submitted.

Treasury, Ottawa, 7th June, 1870.

(Signed,)

F. HINCKS.

Chairman.

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 1st July, 1870.

Read the annexed extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held on the 27th June, 1870, and submitted for your Excellency's approval.

The Committee advise that the Minutes submitted be approved, and that the recommendations of the Treasury Board, in the several cases therein mentioned, be carried into effect.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable,

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

Extracts from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held on the 27th June, 1870. Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Examined the Bills amounting to £110 for medical stores and provisions furnished to the prisoners at Fort Garry from the store of Dr. Schultz.

The Board recommend to Council that payment be made to Dr. Schultz of £110.

Also, examined the accounts furnished by Mr. J. A. N. Provencher.

The Board recommend to Council that a payment, on account of \$750, be made to Mr. Provencher.

Submitted by direction.

(Signed,)

F. HINCKS,

Chairman.

Treasury, Ottawa, 28th June, 1870.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 30th August, 1870.

The Committee have had under consideration the annexed Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held on the 25th day of August, 1870, and on the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, they respectfully advise that the several recommendations submitted in the said annexed extract be approved and acted on. Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,

Clerk, Privy Clerk.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces.

#### RED RIVER ACCOUNTS.

Examined the following accounts:-

Charles Mair.—The Board recommend that the sum of \$236 26, advanced by Mr. Mair, in cash and supplies, be refunded to the Department of Public Works in discharge of Mr. Mair's drafts, and that the sum of \$60 \$7, advanced to the Prisoners in Fort Garry, on his own authority, be reimbursed by him.

E. M. Hopkins, Attorney for James McKay.—The Board recommend that this amount. \$37.50 for hire of a horse and cutter used by Col. Dennis, and certified by that gentlemen

as correct, be paid.

Dugald McTavish.—The Board recommend that the account for supplies furnished by the Hudson's Bay Co. to the Hon. Wm. McDougall, certified as correct by that gentleman, and amounting to \$247 49, be paid.

James Turner & Co., Hamilton, Attorneys for E. L. Barber.—Supplies furnished to Volunteers, amounting to £25, certified by Dr. Lynch. The Board recommended payment of this sum.

Col. Dennis.—Examined the accounts and vouchers furnished by this gentleman. The Hon Wm. McDougall, to whom the accounts were submitted, together with the vouch-41 - 5

ers, in a letter dated the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Auditor, states, that be considers them objectionable. The Board, therefore, recommend, that in accordance with a report of the Assistant Auditor who has examined the claim, that after deducting the balance due to the Public Works Department, certified by that Department, amounting to \$2,114 47, and a payment of \$125 lent to one Jas. H. Ashdown for a month, the sum then remaining \$1,092 69, be paid to Col. Dennis.

Hamilton, Ontario, 30th August, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—The enclosed orders we have received from one of our friends in the Red River Settlement, and have taken the liberty of asking you to have them placed in

the proper channel for collection.

Messrs. Turner & Co., of this City, have had similar drafts which have been duly honored; should there be any objections respecting these, you might call the attention of our friend the Hon. Peter Mitchell, or perhaps, the Hon. Mr. Howe, either of the two we have no doubt will be willing to give their assistance.

We are, yours truly,

Per pro Sanford, McInnes & Co.,

(Signed.)

H. G. RITCHIE.

Thomas Vaux, Esq., Ottawa.

#### Memorandum by Mr. McDougall.

Toronto, December 8th, 1870.

In accordance with the request of the Chairman of the Treasury Board, I have examined the within accounts, and not being awars of any authority to Mr. John O'Donnell to give orders in the name, or on account of the Canadian Government and further, being unaware of any "Winnipeg Volunteers," except those of the "Provisional Government" to whom such orders could be given, since the 1st week in December, 1869, I venture to express the opinion that the "claim" of Mr. F. C. Mercer is one which the Government of the Dominion ought not to pay.

(Signed,)

WM. McDougall.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa on the 16th day of December, 1870.

(No. 313.)

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(No. 414.)—Considered claim of Messrs. Sandford, McInnes & Co., Hamilton, on behalf of F. C. Mercer, for supplies furnished Volunteers, and the report of the Hon. Wm. McDougall, C.B., thereon.

The Board are of opinion that the account cannot be paid, and that Messrs. Sandford,

McInnes & Co., be informed of the same.

(The papers herewith.)

Treasury, Ottawa, 6th February, 1871.

For the Secretary. (Signed,)

J. M. COURTNEY

E. A. Meredith, Esq.,

Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(No. 67.)

Office of the Secretary of State,

OTTAWA, 8th February, 1871.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to inform you, that the Government has had under No. 414. consideration certain accounts submitted by you, on behalf of Mr. F. C. Mercer, of Winnipeg. amounting in all to the sum of £26 9s. Od. sterling, for goods said to have been furnished to certain parties, by order of Mr. John O'Donnell, procurator for Dr. James Lynch, in his capacity of Captain of the Winnipeg Volunteers.

I have now to state, that inasmuch as it does not appear that any authority was given, either to Mr. O'Donnell or Dr. Lynch to order the goods in question, the claim

of Mr. Mercer for the payment of his account cannot be entertained.

It will be for Mr. Mercer to look to the above named gentlemen for payment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

Joseph Howe,

Sccretary of State.

P.S.—Mr. Mercer's Accounts are herewith returned. Messrs. Sanford, McInnes & Co., Hamilton:

C. M. Hopkins, Esq.

Governor Archibald's Outfit to Red River

Bought of Charles Macdonell.

1870.

August 10th. 2 barrels Pork, "Extra Mess," at	56 00
August 10th. 2 barrels Fork, "Extra Mess," at	56 00
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$\frac{3}{75}$ do Cabin Discuit $\frac{842}{75}$ 243 108., at	15 80
3 barrels, at	0 75 6 50
,, 12 tbs. Black Tea, at 0 85 1 box Crushed Sugar. Paid making Sockets for Pikes.	10 20 7 25 1 50
do Board of 8 Iroquois.	11 00
September 7th. Bank Commission, 1% 27 cts., and Stamp, 6 cts	109 00 0 33
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Cr.	
,, By draft on Montreal at 3 days' sight	109 33

E. & O. E.,

Collingwood, Sept. 8, 1870.

(302.)

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces,

OTTAWA, 14th June, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant,
(No. 290.) covering a duplicate of an account amounting to thirty-seven dollars and
(\$37 50.) fifty cents, for services rendered to Lieut. Colonel Dennis, at Red River settlement, by Mr. James McKay, and to acquaint you that it has been transferred to the

Honorable the Minister of Finance, whose Department is charged with the settlement of the accounts connected with the Red River Expedition.

I have, &c., (Signed,) Joseph Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

E. M. Hopkins, Esq., Montreal.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on the 10th day of November, 1870.

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Submitted, for consideration, the following accounts in connexion with the Red River Expedition.

(No. 304.)—Claim of Daniel S. Cameron, of Ailsa Craig, for work done to Govern-

ment House, Fort Garry, and other expenses.

The Board recommend to Council that the sum of (\$10) ten dollars (approved by Col. Dennis), being for payment for work done to Government House, be paid to Mr. Cameron.

Claim of Dr. Schultz for amounts paid by his agent, Mr. Bird, at Portage La Prairie,

aggregating \$298 62.

The Board recommend to Council that payment of the amount be made.

Claim of Major Wallace, Whitby, for remuneration for services performed during the Expedition.

Recommended to Council that in accordance with the Report of the Assistant Auditor

\$72 50 be paid to Major Wallace.

Claim of John McIntyre, Fort William, for amount of supplies furnished to W. M. Simpson, Esq., M.P., for voyage to Fort Francis, and for presents to Indians, \$1,214 66, and

Letter from the Secretary, Public Works Department, enclosing letter of S. J. Dawson, with accounts of D. M. Blackwood, for articles given Indian visitors, on arrival of Red River Expedition at Thunder Bay, \$267-30.

The Board recommend that these two last amounts be paid, and charged to the

Expedition.

Also, claim of J. W. Simpson, Montreal, on behalf of E. M. Hopkins, for \$109 33, for amount of goods purchased for outfit of Lieut. Governor Archibald.

The Board recommend payment of the account, charging the same to organization. Approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, 21st November, 1870.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk of the Privy Council.

(655.)

Office of Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 21st December, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that a Warrant may be issued to this Department (No. 509.) by check in favor of J. W. Simpson, on behalf of E. M. Hopkins, for the sum of one hundred and nine dollars thirty-three cents (\$109.33), being the amount of an account for goods purchased for outfit of Lieut. Governor Archibald on his journey to Red River, the said sum to be charged to organization, in terms of the Order in Council of the 21st ultimo.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

E. A. MEREDITH, Under Secretary of State.

To the Auditor, Public Accounts.

(657.)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 24th December, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, a cheque received this day from the Receiver General's Department, payable to your order, for the sum of (No. 509.) one hundred and nine dollars thirty-three cents (\$109 33), being the amount of an account for goods purchased by Mr. E. M. Hopkins, for the outfit of Lieut. Governor Archibald, on his journey to Red River.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. A. MEREDITH, Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

J. W. Simpson, Esq., Montreal.

(No. 284.) .

Treasury Board, Canada, Ottawa, 7th December, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose, herewith, papers in relation to the claim of Daniel S. Cameron, Ailsa Craig, for work done to Government House, Fort Garry, and other expenses; also, claim of Messrs. James Turner & Co., Hamilton, on behalf of John Higgins, Winnipeg, for £13 17s. 1d. goods supplied the Prisoners at Fort Garry.

Of the first claim \$10 has been allowed, on the recommendation of Col. Dennis, for the work done at Government House, but with the other part of the claim, and the second claim the Treasury Board have resolved that in these and similar instances, that before the matter can be entertained by the Dominion Government the papers must be submitted to the Local Government for consideration and report.

(Signed,)

J. M. COURTNEY, For the Secretary.

E. A. Meredith, Esq., Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(625.)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 9th December, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury Board, together with the accounts therein referred to, and to request that you will have the goodness, in accordance with the wish of the Board, to cause these accounts to be examined, and a report thereon to be transmitted to this Department for their information.

> I.have, &c., (Signed,)

JOSEPH HOWE, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald, Lieutenant Governor, Fort Garry.

(647.)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES. OTTAWA, 17th December, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to request that a warrant may be issued to this Department by check in favor of Daniel S. Cameron of Ailsa Craig, for the sum of ten dollars (\$10), the amount of an account rendered by him for work done at Government House at Fort Garry, the payment of which has been recommended by the Treasury Board, as appears by the letter of the Secretary of the 7th instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.)

E. A. MEREDITH.

John Langton, Esq., Auditor, Public Accounts.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

OTTAWA, 19th December, 1870.

Sir,-I have the honor to inform you that a warrant has been issued in favor of Department of Secretary of State for the Provinces, for the sum of \$10.00, pay cheque in favor of Daniel S. Cameron, for work done Government House, Fort Garry.

The warrant will be delivered to you, or to your Attorney, at the office of the

Receiver General of Canada.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

WILLIAM DICKINSON,

Deputy Inspector General.

E. A. Meredith, Esq.,

Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(654.)

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, OTTAWA, 21st December, 1870.

Sir,—I beg to transmit to you, herewith, a check payable to your order for the sum of ten dollars (\$10), being the amount of your account for work done to Government House at Fort Garry.

The remaining items of your account are still under the consideration of the Government. -

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) JOSEPH DONE,
Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Mr. Daniel S. Cameron, Ailsa Craig.

(No. 79.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

FORT GARRY, December 26th, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 625, of the 9th instant, transmitting me copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury Board, together with the accounts referred to, and requesting me to cause these accounts to be examined and reported upon.

I shall give the matter early attention, and transmit a report thereon to you for the

information of the Board.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD,

The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 1st July, 1870.

On a Despatch, No. 129, dated 26th May, 1870, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting copies of a correspondence between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Colonial Department, as to the liability for the losses sustained by the Hudson's Bay Company, from the acts of the self-styled Provisional Government of the Red River Territory.

The Honorable the Minister of Finance, to whom the above Despatch was referred, reports, that he is of opinion, that there is no practical question raised by that correspondence, which requires any immediate action on the part of the Government of the

Dominion.

That in a letter dated 18th of May, the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company transmitted to the Colonial Department an extract from a Despatch from Governor McTavish, dated Fort Garry, 6th April, 1870, containing a narration of events which had occurred in the Red River settlement subsequent to his previous Despatch of 12th February.

After reporting a series of outrages committed by the insurgents, Mr. McTavish proceeds to acquaint the Chairman and Directors of the Hudson's Bay Company that their position is most critical, and that he cannot advise the Company to send out fresh supplies of merchandize "until some guarantee shall have been obtained from the English or

"Canadian Government for their protection."

That in pursuance of the advice given by Governor McTavish, Sir Curtis Lampson, Deputy Chairman of the Hudson's Bay Company, enquired whether Her Majesty's Government would enter into an engagement to indemnify the Company against loss or damage in case they should send out the merchandize, which they stated was urgently required. Mr. Holland was instructed by Earl Granville, to acquaint Sir Curtis Lampson, that, before the arrival of the goods, the country would probably have passed to the Canadian Government, and to suggest to him to apply to that Government for an assurance of indemnity in case of loss. Sir Curtis Lampson, in reply, pointed out the impracticability of entering into any negotiation with the Canadian Government under the circumstances, and added, that the Hudson's Bay Company had determined to despatch their stores as usual. He further expressed the adherence of the Company to their opinion, that the Imperial Government ought to have undertaken the responsibility, and added, that in case of damage or loss occurring, they would look for indemnity to Her Majesty's Government, should the Canadian Government decline to take it upon themselves.

Sir Frederic Rogers was instructed to acquaint Sir Curtis Lampson, in reply, that

Her Majesty's Government do not accept the liability.

Earl Granville's Despatch to your Excellency bears the same date as Sir Frederic Rogers' letter, so that it is not improbable that there may be some further remonstrance on the subject from the Hudson's Bay Company.

That it is, however, clear that Her Majesty's Government have determined not to

assume any liability for future losses on the part of the Hudson's Bay Company.

That, in the present state of affairs at the Red River, he, the Minister of Finance, is of opinion that it would be inexpedient for the Canadian Government to assume the liability demanded by the Hudson's Bay Company, but he thinks it highly improbable, that the Company will be exposed in the future to the acts of rapine and plunder, to which they have been recently subjected.

The Minister of Finance states that he would have been inclined to close his remarks here, but for some observations in the letter of Sir Curtis Lampson, dated 13th May,

which, in his opinion, ought not to be allowed to pass unnoticed.

Sir Curtis Lampson states in that letter that he deems it "of the utmost importance" that Her Majesty's Government should be made acquainted with the results which are "arising from the proceedings adopted by the Government of Canada, and which alone "have led to the formation of the so called Provisional Government."

He then proceeds to state, that "the Committee abstain from entering at this moment "into the general question of the proceedings taken by the Canadian Government, or into "the question as to who is to be held responsible for the damage and injuries they will "have produced."

The Minister of Finance, does not feel called upon to enter into a defence of the Canadian Government against such vague accusations as those which he has cited from the letter of Sir Curtis Lampson, but that "Damage and injuries have been sustained, not only by the Hudson's Bay Company, but by a considerable number of Her Majesty's subjects in the Red River Territory, and that claims will be hereafter presented for such damages and injuries;" it may be proper to take the present opportunity of disclaiming, on the part of the Government of the Dominion, any responsibility for the acts of the self-styled Provisional Government of the Red River Territory.

The Committee concur in the report of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, and

advise accordingly.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk of Privy Council.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

Hudson's Bay House, London, 29th November, 1870.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company to address you on the subject of the representations which the Committee have recently made to Her Majesty's Government, with respect to the loss and damage which the Company have sustained in consequence of the late disturbances at Fort Garry, and the delay which took place in the completion of the transfer of their territorial rights to the Dominion.

It appeared to this Committee, that, inasmuch as the communications connected with the transfer of the North-West Territory had all been carried on through the Colonial Office, it would be most proper for them to forward their present claim through the same channel, leaving it for Her Majesty's Government, and the Government of Canada to decide in what manner the claim should be investigated, and by whom it should be met. The Earl of Kimberley has, however, expressed his desire that I should address myself to the Government of the Dominion, which is the occasion of my now communicating with yourself.

As Lord Kimberley states that he has already forwarded to the Canadian Government a copy of my letter of the 1st instant, in which the nature of the Company's claim is set forth, it is unnecessary that I should take up your time by recapitulating it. I have only to say that since it was written, the Committee have satisfied themselves that the stocks of furs, seized by the so-called Provisional Government, and afterwards put by them to ransom, have been restored intact. The Company's claims are, therefore, limited to the amount of the interest on the purchase money, the ransom paid in money and in goods for their stock of furs, the damage done to buildings, and the amount of stores taken out of their storehouses, which they have proposed to leave to be ascertained by Commissioners.

The Committee trust that you will kindly bring this matter under the consideration of the Dominion Government. They have sent a copy of the correspondence to Mr. Cyril Graham, and have instructed him to seek an interview with you, in case of your thinking

a personal conversation desirable.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE,

Governor.

(No. 639.)

Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 16th December, 1870.

Sir.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., on the subject of the representations made by the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company to Her Majesty's Government, with respect to the loss and damage which the No. 536. Company allege they have sustained, in consequence of the late disturbances at Fort Garry, and the delay which took place in the completion of the transfer to the Dominion of the territorial rights of the Company.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

Joseph Howe,

Secretary of State.

Sir S. H. Northcote,

Governor Hudson's Bay Company,

Hudson's Bay House, London, England.

(No. 640.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 16th December, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose, herewith, for your information, a copy of a communication from the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company on the subject of the loss and damage which the Company allege they have sustained in consequence of the late disturbances at Fort Garry, and the delay which took place in the completion of the transfer to the Dominion of the territorial rights of the Company.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald, Lieutenant Governor, Fort Garry.

(Copy.-No. 84.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

FORT GARRY, January 3rd, 1871.

SIR,—I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch (No. 64) under date of the 16th ult., enclosing copy of a communication from the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company on the subject of the representation made by the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company to Her Majesty's Government, with respect to the loss and damage which the Company allege they sustained in consequence of the late disturbances at Fort Garry, and of the delay in the completion of the transfer to the Dominion.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed,)

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa.

Toronto, November 2nd, 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 26th ultimo, informing me that a Sub-Committee of the Privy Council, of which you are chairman, has been appointed to consider the claims, of whatever nature, which I and the other 41—6

gentlemen who proceeded to the North-West Territories, may have against the Dominion Government. You state that you will be happy to receive and lay before the Committee

any statement or claim I may think proper to submit.

In reply, I beg to say, that I have never made, or intimated an intention to make, a "claim" against the Dominion Government in the character of an employé, or subordinate officer of that Government, as I have never had the honor to hold that position. I went out to the North-West with a commission in my pocket, which was to come into force upon an event which did not happen during the existence of the Commission. But I continued to hold the office of Minister of Public Works until the

My case is, therefore, essentially different from that of the "other gentlemen" alluded to in your note, and I am disposed to think it ought not to be included in the same category. Such a course might prejudice their claims, resting on different grounds

9th day of December, at which date I was making preparations to return to Canada.

from any I could prefer, and would not, probably, be of any service to me.

I have had the honor to report for the information of the Government, on all the accounts and claims arising out of the recent troubles in the North-West, which have been sent to me for that purpose, and of which I had any knowledge as Minister of Public Works; but I have declined to submit "vouchers" or information, at the demand of subordinate officers of other Departments of the Government, as to the details of my own disbursements. You will understand, and I trust acknowledge, the propriety of my declination, when I remind you that these disbursements were made while I was a Minister of the Crown, or in respect of engagements entered into, or for services authorized by me, while holding that position. I am not aware that a responsible Minister is bound to account in the same manner as a subordinate employe of the departments. It is presumed, I believe, that a man who is fit to be entrusted with that high office, will not appropriate the public money to any private or personal object. I may add, that having held office in every Administration in Canada since 1862, I have never known a Minister in all that time, to be asked for vouchers of his expenditure, even when acting as a Commissioner, or delegate, or representative of the Government. His simple statement has been deemed sufficient. I object, therefore, on principle, and in defence of the honor and credit of the Ministerial functions, to become the exception, and to establish in my own case, a derogatory-precedent.

But I admit at once, without question the right of my late colleagues, who were jointly responsible for my acts, to be put in possession of all needful information. Accordingly I send you herewith a statement of my disbursements from the time I left Ottawa, and if you require them, I will send you, for the use of the Privy Council, such vouchers as I have, which cover all but the last item in the statement. The circumstances in which I was placed, often without writing material at hand, dealing with people, envoute, or in the dark, or under suspicion, or apprehension of danger, made it impossible to exact receipts; and as, during the whole period of my absence from Canada, I did not expend, myself, or allow others to expend public money for any but public purposes (according to the best of my judgment) I was not so anxious to secure vouchers, as I would have been, if I had supposed that the Audit Department of the Government would be instructed to call me to account, as in the case of a subordinate officer.

Acting on your invitation, I submit along with this "statement" a memorandum of actual and direct loses sustained by me in attempting to perform the special duty assigned to me, of introducing and establishing the authority of the Canadian Government in the North-West. The indirect and consequential losses have been very much greater, but as it seems to me that such losses would not be a fit subject for the consideration of the Government, in the official investigation with which you are charged, I have not attempted to estimate them.

Whether the Government will consider that under all the circumstances I am entitled to be reimbursed the losses stated in my memorandum, I do not know, and shall leave entirely to their discretion.

I enclose the Auctioneer's account of the proceeds of the sale of the horses, &c.,

brought back to St. Paul, and also the account of the person I left in charge of them. They were much injured by the hardships and exposure of the journey, and realized quite as much as I expected.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your very obedient servant,

W. McDougall.

Honorable S. L. Tilley, C. B., Minister of Customs and Chairman Sub-Committee of Council.

MEMORANDUM of Expenditure made by (and under authority of) Honorable William McDougall, as Minister of Public Works in 1869; and also, of expenses incurred, and payments made, in consequence of a Commission to him, as Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories.

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October 1st, 1869By	amount paid for horses, waggons, &c., American currency.	1,376	70
Oct. & Dec. 2nd 1869.	do to Mr. M'Cauley, at Fort Abercrombie for	1,010	20
Oct. & Dec. 2110 1003	supplies, lodging, &c	520	40
November 3rd, 1869	Amount advanced to Thompson & Atkinson, for services, &c	30	00
	Amount and for two home homes (covered)	380	60
October 4th, 1869	Amount paid for two horse buggy (covered)	•300	w
November 5th, 1869	St. Cloud (gold)	1,290	00
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December 6th, 1869	Amount paid for transporting arms, &c., from St. Cloud to Georgetown	562	65
,, 7th,	Amount to Major Wallace for purchase of horses, waggons,	202	0.7
,, 'th,	Amount to Major Wattace for purchase of noises, waggons,	1,455	00
Oct. & Dec. Sth, 1869	supplies, &c., at St. Paul Amount advanced to A. N. Richards, Esq	260	00
	do do Captain Cameron	200	00
, 9th, ,,	do do J. A. N. Provencher	742	10
,, 10th, ,,	Amount paid W. J. Fonseca, account, freight on furniture		66
December 12th, 1869	Amount paid J. Ormand, for freight on Luggage, from		1 00
December 12m, 1003	Pembina to Fort Abercrombie.	125	co
1347	Amount paid duties on goods at Pembina	126	10
, 13th, ,, 14th, ,,	dustrial C. Main at Ct. David	290	00
7547	for annuling to pulsanous at Fort Corner		62
76+6	A. T. C. C.M f him. of home. for Calonal		] "-
,, 10011, ,,	Dennis	63	20
" 17th, "	Amount paid to William Druver for services	49	00
10+1	Amount reinbursed to Dr. Jukes, for pistols, blankets,		( **
,, 10ш, ,,	&c., given to Indians, and for medical services	234	50
,, 19th, ,,	Amount paid on account of wages of man to bring horses		1
,, 17011, ,,	from Fort Abercrombie and prepare them for sale	122	00
Oct. & Jan. 7th, 1870.	Amount paid as General Expenses of expedition, including		1
000.000	railway fares, hotel expenses, telegraphing, building		ĺ
<b>,</b>	houses and stables at Pembina, wages of workman and		}
[	servants, freight on goods brought back to Canada, sup-		ł
i	plies used and left at Pembina, provender for horses, and		i
	Secret Service, in all	3,750	00
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МЕМОRANDUM of proceeds of Drafts on Canadian Government, received by Mr. McDougall, at St. Pauls.

October, 1869	Proceeds draft on New York, (American currency)	1,290 4,000	cts. 00 00 00 00 87
•		\$11,199	87

Note—Five new waggons uninjured were left by me at Pembina in charge of Mr. Provencher, one two horse buggy (somewhat injured), with H. C. Burbank, Esq., at St. Cloud, the property of Government.

W. M. D.

Memorandum of actual losses sustained by Mr. McDougall, in preparing for, and endeavouring to execute his commission in the North-West.

September, 1869 December, 1869	By loss on hurried sale of household goods and furniture, carriages, harness, &c	\$ 700 600	cts.
	by the rebels	475	00
	meeting of Parliament	140	00
	Canada currency	\$1,915	00

St. Paul,
March 3, 1870.
Account sale of property of Hon. Wm. McDougall, sold at auction by H. S. Temple,
Auctioneer.

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No.	<u> </u>	S	cts.
1 2 3	Brown horse	85	00
2	Black	111	60
3	Bay ,	112	00
4	Grev	130	00
5	Black	82	00
6	Grev ,	51	00
7	I pair bay horses	250	00
Ŕ	I roan horse	. 98	00
4 5 6 7 8 9	11 black mare	151	00
10	1 bay mare	200	00
11	1 bay mare (crippled)	87	50
44	1 wall tent	6	00
	1	8	25
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	l ,, (large size)	20	00
	i ,, (mrge size)	20	00
	5 waggon covers (damaged)	22 16	
		10	50
	11 pair blankets	68	00
	1 tarpaulin	1 1	50
	12 horse blankets (damaged)	13	15
	la set double harness	10	00
	1 ,,	28	00
	1 ,,	23	00
	1 ,,	24	00
	1 set double carriage harness	25	00
	1 ,, single ,, 4 pairs whipple trees	14	00
	4 pairs whipple trees	8	00
	2 neck vokes	2	55
	1 pair bobs, box and cover	33	00
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## Hon. WM. McDougall, In account with F. McDougall.

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1870.	70	\$ cts.	S cts.
January 3	By cash, per check 1st Nat. Bank. To railway fare from St. Paul to St. Cloud		92 75
91		4 00	
February 5	To subscriptions for St. Paul papers and postage	6 10	
5	Rugash non chook let Not Roul-	0.10	150 00
7	By cash, per check 1st Nat. Bank To railway fare from St. Paul to St. Cloud	4 00	130 00
()	Stage fare to Abercrombie	21 00	
", 17		-1.00	
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· ,, 19		4 00	
24	returning to St. Cloud	4 00	
., 25	By cash—sold waggen box		9 00
,, 28	To road expenses for twelve horses from St. Cloud to St. Paul	12 00	
,, 28	Cash paid man for assistance in driving horses, including		
	his expense back	10 00	
March 4	Paid D. M. Robbins, bill for livery, advertising, and		
	barn service	42 20	
,, <del>4</del>	barn service. Paid D. McCauley's bill.	*100 74	
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,, <i>4</i>	", Hill, Griggs & Co.'s bill Railway fare from St. Paul to Toronto.	79 74	
,, 4	Liailway fare from St. Paul to Toronto	33 50	
"	04 days note: expenses at \$2 50	160 00 1	
,,	Two months' salary at \$113	226 00	<b>=</b> 0/0 0=
	By receipts of sale		1,643 97
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		\$960 85	1,895 72 960 85
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	By balance due W. McDougall, United States Currency		\$934 87

<sup>\*</sup> For keep of four horses left for use of Canadian prisoners at Fort Abercrombie. 
† For feeding and attending balance of horses at St. Cloud, preparatory to sale.

Office of Minister of Customs, December 8th, 1870.

SIR,—I am directed by the Honorable the Minister of Customs, to forward to you the enclosed letter of claim for losses sustained at the North-West which he lately received, and am desired to request that you will bring the same to the notice of the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

CHARLES P. BLISS, Secretary.

Mr. Meredith,

Assistant Secretary of State for the Provinces.

FORT GARRY, RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, October 13th, 1870.

Hon. Mr. Tilley.

Dear Sir,—You were kind enough to give me, last year, a letter of introduction to Governor McDougall, on my departure for this Country from Ottawa. I now write you on the subject of compensation for losses sustained, acting under the orders of that gentleman. You doubtless remember, that Colonel Dennis arrived in the settlement about December the first, armed with full power to crush the revolt. He called upon the

loyal to join him, and I immediately enlisted in Captain Lynch's Company, from which I was transferred to Kildonan, to act as drill instructor to that Company, while I was appointed Captain of the St. Paul's Company in the next Parish. I worked eight days under Colonel Dennis' order at these places, and then was ordered to bring in stores under my charge to Lower Fort Garry. This I did, and was then informed by Colonel Dennis that we were not to continue drill until further orders. He then requested me to go to St. James, and send down William Hallet to him. As I was preparing to start, he came to me, and said, that he did not wish me to be seen armed, after he had issued his Proclamation for a suspension of active measures, and promised me, that, if I would leave my arms in his charge, that they would be sent to Archdeacon's McLean's the following day. The duty of attending to which he entrusted to Captain Jury. The Rifle (a Balad breech-loader), belt, pouch and dirk, costing, complete, \$50, were stolen from there the following day, so of course I did not receive them. My luggage, left at Colonel Dennis' office to be forwarded to the lower fort, according to orders issued, was taken by Captain Lynch's orders to Dr. Schults' to obtain some three hundred rounds of ball cartridge that it contained; on the surrender of that place, it of course fell into the hands of the rebels, thus leaving me with only what I stood in, of all my outfit that I brought from Canada. I had expected that a compensation office would have been opened here, that the losses sustained by us while acting under the orders of a Canadian Minister might have been enquired into and compensation made. As this has not been done—and I, for one, am short of funds-I write enclosing you a list of the losses sustained, at Canadian prices, and hope that you will use your influence to get for me an early settlement, as it is now nearly twelve months since the losses were sustained.

I am, &c., (Signed,) Copla	ND COULARD.
1 pair blankets	\$5 00
L_great coat	16 00
1 rifle, dirk, belt, and pouch	
300 ball cartridge	6 00
Wearing apparel, books, medicines	25 00
Drill, 10 days in service, captain's pay, at \$4 per day	40 00
:	\$I42 00

P.S.—I was an officer five years in England, and held a certificate from the Royal Marines, Plymouth, as drill instructor.

(635.)

Office of Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 13th December, 1870.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 9th instant, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a letter from one Copland Coulard, submitting a claim No. 532.

13th Oct., 1870.

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13th Oct., 1870.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

l,) Joseph Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable A. G. Archibald, Lieutenant Governor, Fort Garry.



(636.)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 13th December, 1870.

Sin,-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Bliss' letter of the Sth instant, covering a letter from one Copland Coulard, submitting a claim for losses said to have been sustained during the recent disturbances at Red River, and to inform you that the matter will receive consideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOSEPH HOULE, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable the Minister of Customs.

(No. 87.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

FORT GARRY, January 4th, 1871.

Sir. —I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 635, of the 13th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Copland Coulard, submitting a claim for losses said to have been sustained by him during the late disturbances at Red River, and requesting me to enquire about, and report upon the same.

I shall make it my business to do so, and to transmit you the result at an early day.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces.

St. Paul's, Minnesota, United States, January 4th, 1871.

Sir,—I beg to make a claim on the Canadian Government, particulars of which you will see expressed on the enclosed receipt. I only yesterday arrived at this place from Winnipeg, where I have been staying since the latter part of July, 1869. In prefacing my remarks I will state I am English, and from my perfectly neutral conduct during the late outbreak, was one of the few who escaped without any molestation from Riel's party. In reference to my present claim, it will no doubt be in your knowledge, that Mr. McDougall, the Governor appointed by Canada for the North-West, issued a proclamation. authorizing Colonel Dennis to do several acts towards crushing the rebellion; amongst those acts, that of purchasing fire-arms, &c., for the account of the Canadian Government. I had a gun and case for sale at the gunsmith's at that time, and it was sold to Dr Lynch. on behalf of the Government, on his giving the enclosed receipt. Dr. Lynch refers me to the Canadian Government for payment. The sum is small to a Government, but of immense importance to me, as without it I am unable to stir one step, and cannot pay for my board at the end of the week. I should feel obliged by your ordering the immediate payment, and pardon the liberty I take in making the request.

Address—Post Office, St. Paul's.

I am, &c.,

(Signed.)

THOS. STEELE.

The Honorable Joseph Howe, Ottawa, Canada.

Town of Winnipeg, December, 3rd, 1869.

Received from Mr. Steel, a double-barrelled gun, case, &c., valued at £12 stérling. (Signed,) JAMES LYNCH, M.D., Acting for Col. Dennis.

Stuart D. Mulkins.

Office of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa, 12th January, 1871.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, submitting a claim for the sum of twelve pounds sterling (£12 sterling), being the value of a gun purchased from you by Dr. Lynch, at Winnipeg, in the month of December last.

In reply, I have to inform you that your claim is one which cannot be recognized by the Government. Dr. Lynch was in no way authorized by the Government to contract liabilities on their behalf. The transaction to which your letter refers must therefore be considered as a private one between that gentleman and yourself.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) Joseph Howe,
Secretary of State for the Provinces.

(26.)

Office of Secretary of State, for the Provinces, Ottawa, 18th January, 1871.

Sir,—I have the honor to request that a warrant may be issued to this Department, by check in favor of Mr. Frank W. Johnston for the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320), in payment of his services as Assistant in charge of Government stores at Oak Point, Red River settlement, in 1869-70, and for actual travelling expenses—the amount to be charged against the appropriation for the opening up of the North-West Territory, as per Order in Council of 16th instant.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) E. A. MEREDITH,
Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Auditor of Public Accounts.

(450.)

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 16th January, 1871.

On a Memorandum dated 14th January, 1871, from the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, stating that he has had under his consideration a claim by Mr. Frank W. Johnston for payment of services rendered as Assistant in charge of Government stores at Oak Point, Red River Settlement, in 1869–70, and that in his opinion Mr. Johnston is entitled to be paid for same at the rate of \$1 50 a day, and for his actual travelling expenses—the whole amounting to the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320), to be taken from the appropriation for the opening of the North-West Territory.

The Committee submitted the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE, Clerk of Privy Council.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that a warrant has been issued in favor of the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces, for the sum of \$320, by cheque in favor of Frank W. Johnston for services at Oak Point, Red River

The warrant will be delivered to you, or to your Attorney, at the Office of the Receiver General of Canada.

I have, &c., (Signed.)

WILLIAM DICKINSON,

Deputy Inspector General.

E. A. Meredith, Esquire, Under Secretary of State for the Provinces. Ottawa.

(39.)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, OTTAWA, 25th January, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased to direct, that a sum of three hundred and twenty No. 443. dollars (\$320) be paid to you for your services as assistant in charge of Government Stores at Oak Point, Red River Settlement, in 1869-70, at the S320. rate of \$1.50 a day, and for your travelling expenses.

A cheque for the amount is transmitted herewith.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOSEPH Howe, Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Frank W. Johnston, Esquire, Oak Point, Manitoba.

Extract from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 21st September, 1870.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Honorable the Treasury Board, held on the 14th September instant, and on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance they advise that the several suggestions made by the Board be adopted and carried out.

Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE. Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable  $\cdot$ The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on the 14th September, 1870.

Red River Accounts—Examined the following accounts:—

McArthur & Martin, (Peter McArthur) £19 8s. 0d., W. G. Fonsica, £197 11s. 4d. These accounts have been submitted to the Honorable Wm. McDougall, who recommends, that in accordance with the report of the Assistant Auditor, that the first amount should be paid, and that of the second a sum of £49 4s. 9d. be struck off, leaving then an amount of £148 6s. 7d.

McArthur & Martin-(Sundry claims.)-These have also been submitted to Mr.

McDougall, who recommends that the charges allowed by Col. Dennis be paid.

The Board concur in the above, and recommend the payment of the same to Council. Respectfully submitted,

Treasury, Ottawa,

16th September, 1870.

(Signed.)

F. HINCES. Chairman? The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.

(Copy-Canada-No. 297.)

DOWNING STREET, 21st November, 1870.

My Lord,—I have the honor to transmit to your lordship the enclosed copy of a letter from the Hudson's Bay Company, together with a copy of the answer which I have caused to be returned to it, respecting the claim of the Company to compensation for losses sustained in connection with the disturbances in the Red River settlement.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

KIMBERLEY.

Governor General the Right Honorable

The Lord Lisgar, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

Sir Stafford Northcote to Sir F. Rogers.

Hudson's Bay House, London, 1st November, 1870.

Sin,—I am instructed by the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company to request that you will submit to the Earl of Kimberley, that the time appears now to have arrived for the consideration of the Company's claim for compensation in respect of the losses sustained by them in the course of the disturbances at the Red River, now happily at an end.

The Committee do not think it necessary to trouble his lordship with a recapitulation of the lengthened correspondence which led to the arrangements for the transfer of the Company's territorial rights to the Dominion Government, or of the circumstances under which the completion of those arrangements was arrested at the very moment when they were about to take effect, neither do they now desire to enter on the question, how far the disturbances which led to the suspension of the transfer were due to the action of the Dominion Government or its representatives, nor on the further question how far that suspension was, under the circumstances of the time, justifiable? It is sufficient for them to point out, as a matter of fact, that the Company have, in consequence of it, sustained very heavy pecuniary loss, and to submit to Lord Kimberley, that they have a fair right to ask Her Majesty's Government to take the proper steps for getting that loss made up to them.

The losses which the Company have sustained are of various kinds. In the first place they were kept out of the purchase money, which it had been stipulated that they should receive, for more than five months. The inconvenience occasioned by this delay was much greater than the mere loss of the interest of the money. The Government having officially informed the Committee that the money would be paid on the 1st December, the Committee communicated that information to the shareholders at the annual meeting of the Company on the 7th of November, when arrangements were made on the faith of this announcement which had afterwards to be disturbed to the inconvenience

of individual shareholders, and somewhat to the discredit of the Company-Secondly, the Company were injured by the plunder of their stores and goods at Fort Garry. This loss was sustained by them in consequence of the absence of any proper authority in the settlement, from the time when the Government of the Company was virtually put an end to by Mr. MacDougall's preclamations of the 1st and 2nd December, 1869. The persons actually in power calling themselves the Provisional Government, drew largely upon the Company's stores, of which they had taken forcible possession, and which they are said to have claimed as public property, besides seizing and putting to ransom a great quantity of valuable furs, admittedly the private property of the Company. The amount of ransom demanded and paid is stated at £5,000 in cash, and goods to the amount of £4,000.

The Committee have not yet learned whether the whole of the furs seized have been returned, or whether a further loss has been sustained, and they are not yet able to state the amount of the goods taken out of the storehouses. They expect shortly to receive information on these heads. Lastly, there can be no doubt that the Company have sustained very heavy loss by the disorganization of their trade, and the interruption of business throughout the country in consequence of these disturbances.

They found no claim on this loss, but think it right to refer to it as strengthening

the equity of their case.

The Committee abstain from entering upon the question of the source from which the compensation they ask for should come. They think that is a question more properly left to Her Majesty's Government through whom these communications have from the first been carried on. They content themselves with submitting their case to Lord Kimberley, and with indicating the amount of the compensation to which they consider the Company to be entitled. They ask for interest at £5 per cent. on the purchase money (£300,000), from the 1st December, 1869 to 11th May, 1870, the day on which the principal was paid. They ask to be reimbursed the amount exacted from them as ransom for their stock of furs, together with the value of any furs which may be proved to have been carried off; and with regard to the pillage of their stores, they ask that a commission may be appointed to enquire into the amount of loss sustained, and to determine on equitable principles the amount of compensation which should be paid in respect of it.

They trust that Her Majesty's Government will assist them to obtain an early settlement of these claims.

I am, &c., (Signed,)

(Signed,) STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE.

Governor.

Sir Frederic Rogers, Bart., &c., Colonial Office.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies to Sir H. Northcote.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 21st November, 1871.

SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, bringing under consideration the claims of the Hudson's Bay Company to compensation for losses caused by the recent disturbances at the Red River settlement.

As the Committee state that they abstain from entering upon the question of the source from which this compensation should come, and that they think this is a question more properly left to Her Majesty's Government, it is necessary briefly to recall your attention to the position occupied by Her Majesty's Government in relation to the transfer of the Company's territories to Canada.

By the British North America Act, 1867, 30 Vic., cap. 8, sec. 146, Her Majesty was empowered by Order in Council to admit Rupert's Land into the Union, on such terms and conditions as were expressed in addresses from the Canadian Parliament and as Her

Majesty should think fit to approve.

But though by this Act and the Rupert's Land Act, 1868, Her Majesty was empowered to complete the formal transfer of Rupert's Land to the Dominion, Her Majesty was advised that Her approval could be properly given to such terms and conditions only, as were agreed upon between the two real parties to the negotiation, viz.: the Canadian Parliament and the Hudson's Bay Company. Her Majesty's Government, therefore confined their action to the suggestion of such terms as they thought might be acceptable to both parties.

Lord Kimberley desires me to refer you to two letters addressed by the direction of Lord Granville to the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, on the 22nd of February

and 9th March, 1869, in which the position of Her Majesty's Government in respect to these negotiations is carefully defined. It was a source of great gratification to Her Majesty's Government when the terms of arrangement proposed by Lord Granville in the last of these two letters were, with some slight changes, adopted both by the Canadian Government and the Hudson's Bay Company. Her Majesty's Government were in no way responsible for the unfortunate disturbances in the Red River Settlement, which occasioned the delay of the actual surrender and transfer of the Company's territory, and they readily lent their aid towards the restoration of order in the disturbed district.

Lord Kimberley therefore desires me to say, that he cannot admit any liability on the part of Her Majesty's Government to make good the losses of the Hudson's Bay Company. If the Company consider that they have claims against Canada, they must represent their case to the Canadian Government, but Her Majesty's Government do not

feel called upon to interfere in respect of such claims.

A copy of your letter and of this answer will be transmitted to the Governor General of Canada.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Right Honorable

Sir Stafford H. Northcote, &c., &c., &c.

## [Translation.]

Statement of Account from Colonel De Salaberry in relation to his mission to Red River on behalf of the Government of Canada:

All expenses, including the giving up of house at Montreal; travelling and	
hotel expenses, &c., between Montreal, Ottawa and Fort Garry, and	
return; the cost of provisions and articles necessary for the journey;	
outlay incurred in respect of mission at Fort Garry; board at Fort Garry	
and at Ottawa; \$180 paid to Mr. Provencher, &c	S
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\$2,329 50

Cash received :--

On leaving Ottawa,	.000	00
At Fort Garry, from the Hudson's Bay Company	500	00
At Fort Garry, from the same,	250	

1,750 00

	,	\$579	50
On return to Ottawa	(13th May),	400	00

Balance due Colonel De Salaberry....

\$179 50

N. B.—I have in my possession receipts for a great part of the above disbursements, which I can produce in case of need. With respect to the other items I was unable to obtain receipts, it being naturally impossible for me to do so.

OTTAWA, 13th May, 1870.

#### CHAMBLY, 10th December, 1870.

Memorandum furnished to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, from Colonel Charles De Salaberry, in relation to his mission to Red River:—

Part I.—Being a general statement of expenses incurred in connection with the journey, going and returning, from Ottawa to Fort Garry; having left Montreal on the 1st December, 1869, and returned on the 13th April, 1870, viz.:—

Expenses of outfit	\$200	OĐ
" " journey going		
" " returning.	509	00
" ", " returning.  Board at Fort Garry and Ottawa	244	00
Expenses incurred for the carrying out of my mission	267	50
Leaving my house at Montreal, the rent of which I had to pay, and		
which I had to keep heated and occupied; servants' wages, &c	400	
Paid to Mr. Provencher,	180	00
Total expenditure\$	2,309	50

Part II.—Being a statement of the sums furnished to me in connection with the said mission:—

On leaving Ottawa, I received.  At Fort Garry I received from the Hudson's Bay Company.  Further from Mgr. Taché.  Further from V. G. Thibault.  On my return to Ottawa.	500 250 300	00 00 00
·	\$2,450	

I leave to the Government to decide what remuneration it may desire to give me for my services, from the day of my departure to that of my return, as stated above, I having subsequently returned to Ottawa at the request of the Government, and remained there until the 13th May, 1870.

(Signed,)

CHARLES DE SALABERRY.

[Translation.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES, 14th December, 1870.

(637.)

Śie,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th December No. 537. instant, enclosing a Memorandum in relation to your mission to Red River, together with copies of two other documents mentioned in your letter.

I shall submit your letter and the other documents hereinabove mentioned, for the

consideration of His Excellency the Governor General.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

Joseph Howe,

Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Lieut Col. Charles De Salaberry, Chambly.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 26th January, 1871.

The Committee of Council have given their consideration to the Annexed Report of the Sub-Committee, to whom were referred the claims of Officers who were appointed to proceed to the North-West Territories, in the Autumn of 1869, and for the reasons given in the said Report, they recommend that the following amounts be allowed and paid to the parties hereunder named, respectively, viz.,

Hon. Wm. McDougall.  Hon. A. N. Richards.  Mr. Alexander Begg.  Mr. J. A. N. Provencher  Colonel de Salaberry.  Certified.  (Signed,) Wm. I	. 3,800 . 503 . 1,671	33
To the Honorable The Secretary of State for the Provinces, &c., &c., &c.	Privy Ćo	uncil.
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Privy Council Chame: Ottawa, 10th Ja		371.
The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the claims of the Offic pointed to proceed to the North-West Territories in the Autumn of Is following Report:—	ers who 869, sub	were ap mit th
lst. Hon. Wm. McDougall, charges for disbursements and moneys paid to Captain Cameron, Mr. Richards, Mr. Provencher, and others. American Currency \$11,066 93  Less 10 per cent 1,106 69		
Canada Currency  Also in Canada Currency  For loss on sale of household furniture carriages, &c., books and other property seized, loss of span of horses, and expenses	1,290	
in Ottawa after his return to Canada. In Canadian Currency	1,915	00
•	\$13,165	24
He credits as received from the Dominion Government, and proceeds of sale of horses &c., \$9,909.87 American Currency	8,918	
	\$10,208	89 -
This would show a balance due Hon. Wm. McDougall in Canadian Currency	2,956	35
The amounts credited by Mr. McDougall appear to be correct by Comparison with the accounts of the Auditor General. The Committee therefore recommend payment of the above balance.		
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2nd. Hon. A. H. Richards, claims as expenses	\$500	00
And Salary at the rate of \$3,000 per annum, from 1st October, 1869, to the middle of November, 1870, with two years' additional Salary for loss of Practice, and Freight charges on his books, to be returned from Fort Garry.		
The Committee recommend that he be allowed his claims for expenses		
One year's Salary	2,000 <b>3,</b> 000	
Making a total sum of	<b>\$</b> 5,500	00

He Credits as received from Dominion Government, in Canada Currency	1,700	00
Leaving a balance due him of	\$3,800	00
Which the Committee recommend to be paid to him in liquidation of the above and all other claims connected with the expedition.		
3rd. Mr. Alexander Begg, charges loss of Salary owing to absence from Ottawa  Extra Services rendered Hon. Wm. McDougall at Pembina  Loss of increase of Salary  Expenses of his son, who accompanied him to the North-West  For outfit, clothing and other losses, consequent upon his leaving home at that season of the year	\$103 300 24 300 525	00 00
Making a total claim of	\$1,252	33
The Committee recommend that the following sums be allowed, and paid Mr. Begg:—  Loss of Salary consequent upon his absence  Outfit and losses connected with the expedition	\$103 400	
Total	\$503	33
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4th. J. A. N. Provencher Esq., claims expenses from Montreal to Pembina, from thence to St. Norbert and back, and expenses at Pembina, to 16th December.  Freight and expenses on books, papers &c., to Pembina and back Servants at Pembina, from 16th December to 12th April  Customs Duties  Given to Canadian Refugees, and travelling expenses from Pembina to Ottawa with servants  Mr. McDongall, draft to St. Croix House.  And other expenses at Pembina  Sundry other expenses, including outfit	\$300 200 85 40 435 48 503 1,000	00 00 00 00 70 58
Total expenses claimed  From which the Committee recommend to be deducted 159 days' board at Pembina, at \$2	\$2,612 \$618	
Leaving a balance for general expenses  To which they recommend an addition for one year's Salary of	\$1,994 2,000	28
Making a total sum of	\$3,944	•
horses and furniture, in Canada Currency	\$2,322	OJ

Leaving balance due him of	\$1,671	39
Which the committee recommend for payment.		
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5th. Colonel de Salaberry charges for equipment	\$200 \$1,262	
Presents to persons connected with the Expedition	267	
caretaking, &c Paid to Mr. Provencher	400 180	
Total	\$2,309	<del>5</del> 0
The Committee recommend that he be allowed:—		
Equipment  Travelling expenses to and from Fort Garry, and while there	\$200 1,044	
Presents to persons connected with the Expedition	267.	50
House expenses in Montreal Payment to Mr. Provencher	400 180	
Total expenses To be added for his services	\$2,091 \$1,000	50 00
- -	\$3091	50
He credits as received from Dominion Government, Hudson's Bay Company, Bishop Taché and Father Thibeault	2,450	00
Leaving a balance due him of	\$641	50
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6th. James E. Ermatinger It appears from the accompanying papers, that this Gentleman has been paid in full.		
(Signed,) S. L. Till:	S. L. TILLY.	
77	A. Campbell. Hector L. Langevin.	

No. 62.)

# O. S. S. P., 2nd February, 1871.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you, that His Excellency the Governor General No.586 has been pleased, to direct that the sum of \$2,956 35 be paid to you, to cover the amount claimed by you in your letter of the 2nd November last, referring to your journey to the North-West, and addressed to the Minister of Customs.

A Warrant for the above amount has been ordered to be issued, and will be handed

to you or your Agent, at the Office of the Receiver General.

I have, &c., (Signed,)

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State.

The Honorable

W. McDougall, C. B., Toronto.

vencher, Montreal. (56.) Lt. Col. de

Salaberry, Quebec.

O. S. S. P., 2nd February, 1871.

Sik .- I have the konor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has had under consideration in Council certain claims preferred by you, for 580. (53.) The Honble A. N. Richards, services, expenses and losses connected with your journey to the North-West Territories, in the Autumn of 1869. Brockville. (54.) A. Begg Esq.
 In. R. Dept.
 (55.) J. A. N. Pro-

A Warrant for the amount of S-has been ordered to be issued in your favor in full Settlement of your claims above referred to. The Warrant will be handed to you or your Agent at the Office of

the Receiver General.

I have, &c. Joseph Howe, (Signed,) Secretary of State.

O. S. S. P., 2nd February, 1871.

Sin,-I have the honor to request that Warrants may be issued in favor of the Undermentioned Gentlemen, for the amounts set opposite their respective (No. 51.) names, in payment of expenses, &c., incurred by them in proceeding to the North-West Territories in the Autuum of 1869, in terms of the Order in Council of the 26th instant, viz :-(Nc. 596.)

Hon. W. McDougall	\$2,956	35
Hon. A. N. Richards		
A. Begg	503	33
J. A. N. Provencher	1,671	39
Lt. Col. C. de Salaberry		

The above named gentlemen have been advised that the above Warrants have been ordered in their favour respectively.

> I have, &c. (Signed.)

E. A. MEREDITH.

Under Secretary of State.

To the Auditor, General Accounts.